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Gunman assassinates Palestinian leader in London

Said Hammami, the representa- in Britain of the Palestine eration Organization and one the group's most prominent nbers outside the Middle East, was assassinated in his office in London yesterday. A young man of Middle Eastern appearance was seen running away. The gunman was pursued but escaped.

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c Said Hammami, the esentative of the Palestine ration Organization in Lon- was shot dead at his office Mayfair yesterday. His ssin, thought to be an Arab, from the building and ped.

r Hammami was one of the prominent PLO represen- es outside the Middle East. killing happened in his ment office beneath the quarters of the Arab ue in Green Street, Park Lane and Oxford t.

was shot three times, in the head and twice in body, with an automatic gun. It is thought that Hammami was expecting his because an appointment made at about lunchtime him to see the man, who described as about 24 years e and of Middle Eastern arance.

ter the shooting, at 3.55 the killer ran from the , hit an Arab student with weapon and, although he pursued by other Arab nts who had been in the office, escaped.

e anti-terrorist squad at and Yard took charge of investigation. The squad, y Commander James Nevill, ready involved in inquiries an explosion in a Syrian assy car, also in Mayfair, on rday when two members of embassy staff died.

Nevill said it was too to connect Mr Hammami's der with Saturday's bomb- but senior officers are ght to be concerned that incidents have happened in a few weeks of the new e initiative in the Middle and the deep rift it has d between Arab states.

Hammami, aged 36, lived ondon with his wife and children. He was regarded moderate and had often n out against terrorism.

a press conference last Mr Nevill said it was not lear whether the killer had mplices waiting in the t. He described the man as t 5ft 8in tall and dressed green overcoat. He had hair and a sallow com- ion.

ast night the area in front the building, part of a ter- of Victorian and Edward- offices, was cordoned as ce technicians checked the



Mr Hammami: a moderate.

steps leading directly from the street to the PLO offices.

Mr Roger Thomas, aged 33, of Fulham, told the police later that he saw four Arabs running from the building. He said: "They nearly knocked me over. I noticed them because they were Arabs and they seemed very agitated."

There was confusion last night about whether the four men were accomplices of the assassin or were the students who gave chase. The killer was last seen near Lees Place, directly behind Green Street, having run down Park Street after turning left from the offices. Detectives began a house-to-house inquiry to find out if anyone saw the man or the chase.

The offices in Green Street had no special protection from the police and there was a single man at the door of the PLO section in the basement. It was not clear if his job included searching visitors and, if so, why he did not discover the killer's weapon.

One report suggested that the killer used a silenced weapon and that as he ran from the building he warned an Arab student to get out of the way or be killed.

Extra police were drafted into the West End after the killing, but chances of finding the assassin were made more difficult by the many shoppers in the area. Special Branch surveillance at Heathrow airport was increased in case the killer tried to leave the country.

Less than an hour before the shooting the anti-terrorist squad had made a fresh appeal for witnesses who might be able to help detectives piece together the movements of the Syrian Embassy car shortly before it was blown apart by a bomb in Stafford Street on Saturday night.

Mr Jawbat Awad, aged 50, medical attaché at the embassy, and Mr Sayez Shibly, the embassy staff driver, aged 38, both died. No motive for the killing has yet been established, but the Syrian Embassy has responded angrily to suggestions that the men may have been carrying a bomb to plant somewhere in London.

In London, last April, a former Prime Minister of North Yemen, his wife and one of the country's diplomats were shot dead outside an hotel in Bayswater. Angry words were exchanged in the Commons later when it was learnt that their suspected assassin, named as Mr Zuhair Akache, had been allowed back into Britain after having been previously deported.

Mr Akache was shot dead in October when West German commandos stormed a hijacked Lufthansa jet at Mogadishu, rescuing 86 passengers and crew members.

Last night Mr Emlyn Hooson, QC, Liberal MP for Montgomery, said Mr Hammami's murder was a great loss to the cause of peace and justice in the Middle East. He had been a moderate man anxious for peace with justice for the Palestinians.

Mr David Watkins, Labour MP for Consett and chairman of the Labour Middle East Council, said: "This senseless deed has deprived the Palestinians of their most outstanding representative in the Western world". A man who had condemned terrorism had himself become a victim of terrorism.

Beirut, Jan 4.—The PLO executive said in a statement that it would exact vengeance on the "hired killers" of Mr Hammami. It added that it was holding the British Government responsible for the murder until the identity of the assassins was revealed.

"The Palestinian revolution will pursue the killers and those who stand behind them wherever they are, for the blood of a revolutionary militant must not be shed unanswered."—UPI.

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Carter triumph in Paris walkabout

From Ian Murray
Paris, Jan 4

President Carter warmed and won the hearts of the cold Paris crowd lining the Champs Elysées with an unscheduled "walkabout" this afternoon. He had driven straight from Orly airport on his arrival from Riyadh to the Arc de Triomphe to place a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

During the ceremony the American President, standing with his right hand across his heart as the two national anthems were played, seemed visibly moved by the occasion. He was blinking hard as he stood there, looking across the tomb with its eternal flame, to the small colour party of American Marines beneath the arch.

Afterwards he paused to chat with several of the American veterans and officers lined up there before he signed the golden Book of Honour. Then, with President Giscard d'Estaing looking comparatively tall and elegant beside him, he turned away towards his car parked at the top of the Champs Elysées.

As he reached the car he turned for a quick word with his personal security guard and then, to the delight of the crowd, set off down the most famous street in what he had already called "the Queen of cities".

Before the security men got the better of him Mr Carter had seized and shaken a few hands in the crowd. Then, with the French President looking almost embarrassed as he followed behind waving to the crowd, Mr Carter turned on his famous grin and walked in triumph down the triumphal way.

The security guards were anxiously conspicuous all round him, but the contrast between this journey to the Arc de Triomphe and the one made by President Brezhnev during the summer could not have been more marked. Then the Russian leader's convoy of cars simply went up and down the avenue, giving the crowd little to look at.

At 3 pm, on time to the second, Air Force One, the American presidential jet, had drawn up at the end of a wet red carpet stretched across the runway at Orly airport to bring President Carter on this first official visit to America's first and oldest ally.

As he stepped down the stairs he reached back to take

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Mr Callaghan lays a wreath at the Bangladesh martyrs' memorial of the 1971 war.

President of Bangladesh tackles Mr Callaghan on immigration

From Richard Wigg
Dacca, Jan 4

President Zia ur-Rahman of Bangladesh raised the problems of his country's immigrants in the United Kingdom during a 90-minute meeting today with Mr Callaghan on the first day of the Prime Minister's visit here.

Mr Callaghan is understood to have taken the line that Britain had made the rules governing immigration and intended to operate them on a basis of fairness.

It seems that he did not expect General Zia to bring up the issue. Whether General Zia was satisfied by Mr Callaghan's reply is not known since Bangladesh officials refused afterwards to give details of the discussions.

The government-controlled press, however, had made it clear this morning that immigration questions, particularly the matter of so-called "split families", would be raised and probably figure prominently in the talks.

The *Bangladesh Times*, which said there were about 140,000 Bangladeshis in Britain, claimed about 70 per cent of them had families back home.

It spoke of the difficulty and delay in getting entry certificates from the British authorities for such families.

"Moreover", the paper went on, "there are allegations of racial discrimination and harassment of Bangladeshi immigrants in Britain. This situation, according to circles concerned, is now in a confrontation stage."

Bangladeshis here are aware that forged papers have been used by some illegal immigrants, but argue that what they regard as the legitimate claims of family members to be reunited must be met in order not to create an increasing sense that Bengalis are resented or discriminated against in Britain.

According to British figures the waiting list here of Bangladeshis has been reduced over the past year and now stands at fewer than 14,000. The average time applicants have to wait before being called for interview is now 18 months.

Mr Callaghan, speaking at a banquet tonight, made no reference to immigration, though he praised "the many people who are now making a useful contribution to the social and economic development of society in Britain."

Turning to assistance for Bangladesh's economic development, the second main theme of the talks, the Prime Minister said Britain was willing to participate in a feasibility study to develop and control the water systems of the region.

In Delhi earlier this week President Carter mentioned such a scheme which would involve India and Nepal as well. This would be a follow-up on the Farakka agreement between Bangladesh and India for the Ganges.

Mr Callaghan hinted at international financial assistance as well as further help from Britain if the region chose to implement a project which could, he said, benefit hundreds of millions of people.

Mr Callaghan, who arrived in Dacca this morning at the start of a 10-day tour which will take him later to India and Pakistan, was greeted by quiet but friendly crowds who lined the main streets.

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Red faces in hunt for Hollywood strangler

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles, Jan 4

For the beleaguered Los Angeles police, who have been hunting the elusive Hollywood hillside strangler for more than two months, it seemed like a big break. At last, they announced, they would release sketches of two suspects in the unsolved murders of 11 young women and girls.

But just as the drawings were to be distributed to newspapers and television stations they were hurriedly withdrawn. It turned out that the sketches were of two undercover detectives working on the case.

The bumbling underlined the confusion and frustration that has surrounded the search for the killer.

An embarrassed Lieutenant Dan Cooke admitted that a police woman posing as a prostitute to try to entice the killer into the open had become suspicious after meeting two men in Hollywood. They did not identify themselves as police and neither did she. Later she gave an artist a detailed description of the "suspects". Their likeness would have been widely circulated had not the two policemen recognized themselves in the sketches in time.

Since Yolanda Washington, a 20-year-old black student, was strangled and her body dumped in the Griffith Park area of the city last October, 10 other young women—all white—have been murdered in similar fashion. There appears to be no motive. Some of the girls were found naked, others were fully clothed. Police refuse to say whether they were sexually assaulted.

The last girl to die was Kimberly Diane Martin, aged 17 and a known prostitute. Her nude body was found in the Hollywood hills on December 14.

Mr Daryl Gates, the Los Angeles assistant police chief, admits his department is baffled. He said his investigators have questioned several policemen as possible suspects, but all have been ruled out of the inquiry.

It is believed that some of the girls might have been lured to their death by the strangler posing as a police officer because witnesses have reported that some of the women apparently offered no resistance.

"He is a very cunning individual", said Mr Gates. "I am sure he's a very good student of police operations."

Police have talked to a spiritualist in the hope that he could use his powers to get witnesses to recall forgotten details about the strangler. They have interviewed more than 3,000 people, checked the whereabouts of some 250 murderers and rapists on parole and more than 600 registered sex offenders.

But none of this has placated the women of Hollywood. They have been arming themselves with pistols, mace sprays, knuckle dusters and knives and attending "lady beware" tutorials run by the police.

Not only are housewives and residents worried about the strangler, but Hollywood's streetwalkers are also demanding better protection. A group called the "national organization of trollops" picketed police headquarters to press their demands after the last victim was found.

Unprofitable inland telegrams service on trial for two years

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter

The inland telegram is on trial. The Post Office has told the Government that it is prepared to make a determined effort for two years to reduce costs, although it says bluntly that "there is no prospect of making it profitable".

The unions are staunchly opposed to abolition of the telegraph services, and the Union of Post Office Workers has made clear that it will resist all attempts to do so. It argues that the inland telegraph service will meet a public need until every home can afford a telephone.

The Post Office has told Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry: "The fact that inland telegrams are not profitable and cannot be made so would not in itself necessarily be a justification for ending the service if it met a significant essential public need.

"But as other services have grown, inland telegrams have come to play a very small part in national communications, with 11,000 sent each day compared with some 230,000 inland telex calls, 30 million letters and 50 million telephone calls.

"Only 200,000 of those sent each year (6 per cent of the total) are of a life-and-death character. There is thus a strong case for very early abolition of the inland telegram service, with suitable provision for handling the small residue of essential life and death messages."

The submission is in response to the Carter committee's inquiry into the Post Office, which said the inland telegram "appears to be inessential and therefore not acceptable as a loss-maker".

The Post Office argues that the international service continues to meet a need. About half the international telegrams are to and from developing countries where telephone and telex systems are in need of expansion.

The maritime telegram service, to and from ships at sea, is economically viable and would not be subject to any closure proposals.

All attempts to reduce the cost of the telegram service through price increases and rationalization have failed to reverse the decline in the number of telegrams or the soaring losses. In the decade to 1973, when telegram prices stood still, inflation effectively reduced the price of a telegram by four tenths.

Nevertheless the number of telegrams fell from 11 million a year to 7.2 million and losses soared. Since 1973 prices have gone up fourfold and the number of telegrams has fallen by more than half.

Child 'mercy deaths' investigation

An investigation was ordered yesterday by Nottinghamshire Area Health Authority into allegations that deformed babies have been deliberately allowed to die in hospital.

The *Nottinghamshire Evening Post* quoted an unnamed woman surgeon as saying that in severe spina bifida cases babies had been given sleeping sedatives and then deliberately underfed until they died.

She said three babies had been allowed to die in that way last year, but that it was done only with the parents' approval where a child's existence would have been pathetic.

Striking firemen and families escape injury when letter bombs explode

Staff Reporters

wo of three letter bombs to striking firemen ex- led yesterday, without caus- injury, and the third was g examined by forensic ntists.

he bombs that exploded e delivered in West York- e. They were in packets taining five-year diaries. No nage was caused. The police overed that both were ed on Tuesday at Warring- Cheshire.

he parcels were received by istopher Kenyon, aged 21, of tree Grove, Great Horton, dford, who has been a fire- at Idle, Bradford, for three a half years, and Station icer John Michael Cowie, d 32, of Station Road, ensbury, who is stationed at house.

r Cowie's parcel was opened the bedroom by his wife, e. "There was a big flash, neither of us was injured", said. "We were both badly cked by the incident. No has made any threats to us, I we have no idea who sent bomb. My eyebrows were ged, but that was about the ly damage."

Mr Cowie, who has a daughter aged eight and a son aged three, said: "It is unbelievable that this should happen."

Mr George Oldfield, Assistant Chief Constable (Crime) of West Yorkshire police, said: "It appears that they were sent by some misguided crank with a grudge against firemen". He warned all members of the public, particularly firemen, to be on their guard.

The bombs were in brown paper packages measuring 7½in by 5in by 2in. They had a typed address label.

Mr Oldfield said a third letter bomb had been intercepted at a sorting office. It was addressed to a former fireman at Halifax, who had retired shortly before the strike started. It was being kept by Halifax police and would be examined by bomb squad experts.

Talks adjourned: Fire Brigades Union leaders' negotiations with the employers were adjourned last night until this morning in a general mood of optimism. In talks at the Home Office the union secretaries pressed for improvements in conditions attached to the local authorities' pay offer.

The executive met the employers in full session for only 45 minutes. For most of the day the two sides remained in separate rooms and communicated through Mr Terence Parry, the union's general secretary, and Mr Brian Rusbridge, his opposite number on the local authority team.

Cost to hospitals: Many of Britain's health districts are having to spend vast sums some of it earmarked for new equipment, on fire patrols. One health district, Sutton and West Merton, in Surrey, is spending between £8,000 and £10,000 a month. It manages 17 hospitals.

There are about two hundred health districts in Britain and if each was spending an amount similar to that at Sutton the total might be £2m a month.

Two die: Mr Tom Thorpe, aged 70, died in a fire in Strood, Kent, yesterday morning. Two daughters and a son escaped.

Mr Hubert Clist, aged 79, a retired architect, was killed yesterday when fire destroyed his home at Kidderminster after a gas explosion.

Union men named for PO board

By Malcolm Brown

Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, yesterday launched the Government's first major experiment in industrial democracy when he named the trade unionists and independent members who will serve on the Post Office board.

He described the challenge faced by the new members as "epoch-making". It was the first experiment in industrial democracy in a major nationalized industry, he said.

The experiment will last for two years. There will be seven trade union directors on the new board. Four independent members have been named and a fifth will follow shortly.

Trade union members include two from the Union of Post Office Workers, two from the Post Office Engineering Union, and one each from the Post Office Management Staffs Association, the Society of Post Office Executives, and the Civil and Public Services Association.

The independent members include Lord Winstanley, the former Liberal MP. The six management members have already been announced. A seventh may be appointed.

Mr Varley said that the proposals on which the two-year experiment would be based were worked out between the Post Office and the unions—not imposed by the Government.

Sir William Barlow, chairman of the Post Office since last November, conceded that some four years ago when still in private industry he had said that he was not in favour of

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America leads operation to halt dollar slide

The United States announced a huge pport operation for the dollar last night volving a new line of credit agreed tween the Treasury and the German deral Bank, the activation of the exist- $20,000m of swap lines available to Federal Reserve Board and the use the Treasury's exchange stabilization nd of just under $5,000m (the nearest uivalent to an official reserves fund in erica).

The Treasury and the Federal Reserve ard said they would intervene actively m now on to support the dollar, curb culation, and check disorderly market nditions. They did not give any indica- n of the level at which they would like see the dollar, and said that the new re would not involve pegging it. The erican move came after the dollar had len to new lows in Europe Page 15

Vietnam 'in control of Parrot's Beak'

American intelligence experts, with the help of spy satellites, say that Vietnamese troops appear to control most of the Parrot's Beak area of Cambodia, where there has been heavy fighting. Diplomats say Vietnam seems prepared to use enough pressure to topple the Cambodian regime in order to get talks started on the border disputes Page 5

Bigger housing grant

The Government is to give local authorities an extra £100m for capital spending on housing in 1978-79. Allocations, the first made under a new comprehensive system, reflect emphasis on inner-city areas. A cut in mortgage rates is likely next week, and house prices this year should stay reasonably stable Page 2

Archbishop's warning

Only a handful of teachers are capable of teaching comparative religion, so it would be farcical to abandon specifically Christian education in favour of short courses on world religions, the Archbishop of Canterbury said in London Page 14

Skateboard parks demanded

The National Skateboarding Association accuses local authorities of branding young skateboarders as criminals by failing to provide facilities. Twenty youngsters face prosecution at Dudley for pavement skateboarding. Mr Greville Janner, MP, said Leicester had built 12 skateboarding parks and he urged government pressure on other towns Page 2

England collapse

England slumped to 191 all out in their first innings in the third Test against Pakistan after Boycott was run out. Abdul Qadir, a 21-year-old leg spin bowler, took six wickets for 44 runs Page 8

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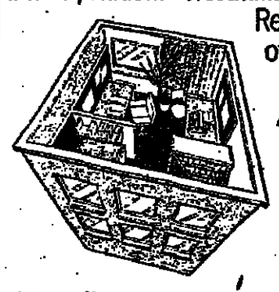
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HOME NEWS

Councils to receive £100m more for housing in 1978-79, with emphasis on decaying urban areas

By Christopher Warman
Local Government
Correspondent

Local authorities are to receive an extra £100m from the Government for capital spending on housing in 1978-79, the Department of the Environment stated yesterday.

The additional money, compared with the housing allocations for the present year, reflects a higher level of improvement work, construction and provision of insulation as part of energy conservation measures.

Allocations for the nine regions total £2,432m. Although in constant-price terms no region will be worse off in the coming year, the allocation of resources shows a shift to regions with a concentration of housing needs, that is, those covering the main conurbations, and in particular the North, North-west and Greater London.

The allocations are the first made under the new housing investment programme system, which enables local authorities to present their housing strategies and investment programmes comprehensively, so that both local and central government can deploy available resources more effectively.

The Government believes that that will be a evolutionary process, and is pleased with the way in which the allocations have been reached for the first year, with the help the new Housing Consultative Council.

Under the new system each housing authority submits its strategy and financial bid. The total bids amounted to about £3,000m, which has been modified both by the authorities and by the Department of the Environment. While the department has fixed the regional allocations, the amount each housing authority will receive is in the hands of the department's regional offices.

Because the system is being operated for the first time, figures for the present year are not strictly comparable. Totals for 1978-79, with those for 1977-78 in brackets for a rough guide, are: Northern, £161m (£139m); Yorkshire and Humberside, £198m (£176m); North-west, £302m (£242m); East Midlands, £185m (£175); West Midlands, £253m (£228); Eastern, £176m (£166m); South-east £209m (£195m); Greater London, £824m (£758m); and South-West, £124m (£111m).

The distribution of the money, which takes into account housing needs and the spending plans of the housing authorities, is in keeping with the Government's policy of directing more resources to inner-city areas. Greater London receives the largest allocation, concentrated on the inner boroughs.

Shelter, the housing pressure group, said the total allocation was unrealistic, unbalanced and rooted in the past: "Although we welcome the additional money for the North-west region, the allocations as a whole bear no relation to housing needs. They are unrealistically low, and they have been distributed almost entirely on the basis of past commitments, without taking proper account of future housing needs."

John Chartres writes from Manchester: The new allocation system will be of especial benefit to the North-west, Mr Rodney Corrie, chief regional officer of the Department of the Environment, said. The region has been allocated an eighth of the total for England; only Greater London will receive more.

Mr Corrie said the figures showed that the department recognized the special difficulties of built-up industrial areas such as Greater Manchester and Merseyside, although he agreed that none of the authorities had been given as much to spend as it had asked for.

The housing deficiency in the North-west was not now one of quantity so much as one of quality, he said. It lay in the age and condition of houses, and their surroundigs.

New trial is ordered on race hatred charge

John Kingsley Read, aged 40, chairman of the Democratic National Party, addressed a public meeting in the manner of a demagogue with intent to stir up emotion and feed and encourage hatred of coloured immigrants, it was alleged at the Central Criminal Court

The jury failed to agree and was discharged. The case will be listed for retrial at an early date.

Mr Read, of Queens Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, had pleaded not guilty to a charge under the Race Relations Act, 1965, alleging that on June 12, 1976, with intent to stir up hatred against a section of the public in Great Britain distinguished by colour, he used threatening, abusive or insulting words likely to stir up hatred against that section.

Mr David Tudor Price, for the prosecution, said that at the end of a political march, in West Ham, London, on June 12, 1976, Mr Read addressed a crowd in a car park from the back of an open lorry. His opening remarks, through a megaphone, were: "Fellow racialists, fellow Britons, and fellow whites, I have been told I cannot refer to coloured immigrants. . . ."

Counsel said he would deliberately refrain from naming the political party in court "to emphasize that it is of no significance whatsoever". He added: "Politics have nothing to do with this."

Mr Read's opening remarks, counsel went on, had continued ". . . so you can forgive me if I refer to niggers, wogs and coons."

Later in the speech, which contained several references to "niggers", counsel continued, Mr Read referred to the killing of an Asian youth the previous weekend during the Southall riots.

Mr Read "expressed mock sorrow at the Asian's death, saying 'one down, and one million to go'.

"Plainly that was a most objectionable remark and likely to cause considerable offence", Mr Tudor Price said. The remarks at the time attracted cheers, applause and laughter from the people in the car park. "Many of the people present were members of the same political party and held the same views as Mr Read."

Mr Read said in evidence that he was leader of the Democratic National Party of the United Kingdom. He had once been a member of the National Front but was no longer, because he objected to the demagogues and the nazi and fascist views of the Front.

He agreed that in his opening words at the meeting he referred to coloured people as "niggers, wogs and coons". He added: "I am a man with a sense of humour and I used those words as a joke, may be a poor joke, but the crowd laughed. Lots of coloured people I know have no objection to being called by those names."

Mr Read said he blamed the white, treacherous MPs who *were responsible for importing* that violence. "I never intended that anyone should hate coloured people", he said.

Judge Lawson, QC, in his summing-up, said the Act under which the case had been brought had since been repealed but it was still in operation at the time of the offence and was effective so far as the present case was concerned. It was for the jury to decide what was meant by the phrase "one down and one million to go". Depending on the interpretation they put on it, it might be insulting to a large number of people.

Assassin's victim favoured peace with Israel

By Edward Mortimer

Said Hammami, who was shot dead in London yesterday, knew well that he was a likely target for assassination from more than one political quarter. Assassination is an occupational risk for politicians in the Middle East, and Hammami *always insisted that he was a* politician, not a diplomat.

He believed passionately in his country, Palestine, and his people, the Palestinians. He knew that, as representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization, he was a possible target for Israeli killers retaliating after acts of Palestinian terror. His colleague in Paris, Mahmoud Hamshari, was killed in 1972 in what was generally taken to be retaliation for the Munich massacre.

But he had no illusions about the sincerity of the various Arab governments in their protestations of support for the PLO and the Palestinian cause. He made no secret of his dislike for King Husain of Jordan or for the Syrian regime that intervened against the Palestinians in the Lebanese war. He always insisted that he was a Palestinian first and Arab second.

He knew that his views on the solution of the Arab-Israel conflict were unpopular with many of his own countrymen. More explicitly than any other official representative of the PLO, he favoured peaceful coexistence between Israel and a Palestinian "mini-state" to be established in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip: a solution that, to many Palestinians, and especially to the extremists involved in terrorist activities outside Palestine, was equivalent to high treason and abject surrender.

Hammami always made clear that he shared the ultimate PLO goal of a united Palestine in which Jews, Muslims and *Christians would live as equal* citizens. But he did not believe that that solution would be achieved by endless warfare between Arabs and Israelis. He thought the two peoples, Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs, had first to learn to live together in separate states before it would be realistic to talk about merging them in one.

He was not a coward. He had done his share of guerrilla fighting, and he knew that the political role he had chosen was no way to avoid p risks. But he was opposed to the cycle and terrorism, whose effect in his eyes was si inflict more and more and suffering on his o happy people.

I remember asking hir a year ago if he was *encouraged at the signs th* was beginning again to the Palestinians in thei with the right-wing Ch of Southern Lebanon.

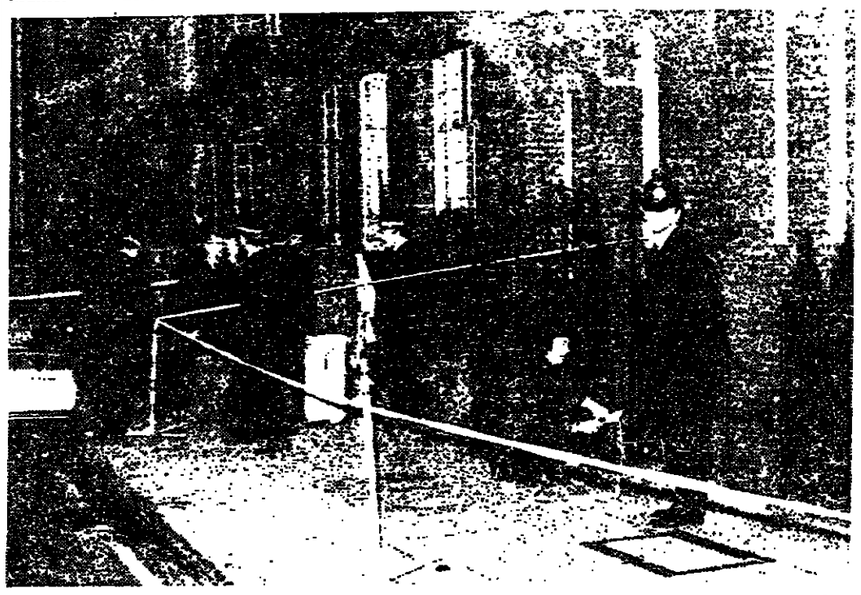
"No", he said. "Wh allow more of our figi be killed just because S wants to teach the Ch a lesson? I just don any more Palestinians killed. To many hav killed already."

If there was one Ar he often had a good w it was Egypt, and in t of many Palestinians identified with Yasir policy of keeping on goo with Egypt. That pol been badly discredited b dent Sadat's latest initiative, which the unanimously saw as a t

Hammami, like the had criticized Sadat fo to Israel and for ignor PLO in his speech to th set. But many of the tionist" Palestinians fe Sadat's action was the culmination of the n policy of compromise a those who had involved i in that policy were to They spoke bitterly of H Hammami and Dr Sartawi who, on behalf o Arafat had embarked official contacts with m Israelis.

Hammami won many in Britain, among jou politicians and trade u in particular both humanity and by his wil to speak frankly rath stick to a party line. I all too likely that it those very qualities t killers wished to destro

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Policemen searching the area outside the building in which Said Hammami was shot

Mortgage rate cut likely soon

By Margaret Stone

There is good news on all fronts for housebuyers. It is increasingly likely that a cut in the mortgage interest rate from 9¼ per cent to 8¾ per cent will be announced next week; house prices will probably remain relatively stable this year; and an adequate supply of mortgage funds should be available.

Predictions by Mr Leonard Williams, chief general manager of the Nationwide Building Society, that there will not be another boom in house prices of the kind that occurred in 1972 may dismay existing householders who had been looking forward to trading up profitably.

Reported instances of "gazumping" were dismissed by Mr Williams. He said they "reflected local pressures on individual properties" rather than a national trend.

The inflow of funds into *building societies remains* strong (estimates of about £400m are being made for December, traditionally one of the societies' leaner months) and the continuing strength of sterling might herald a fall in interest rates generally.

Against that background it seems more and more likely that the forecast cuts in building society rates will be more generous than originally expected: from 9¼ per cent to 8¾ per cent in the mortgage rate and from 6 per cent to 5½ per cent in the investment rate.

During 1977 about 750,000 home loans totalling £6,750m were made. That is the highest level ever recorded, but loans in 1978 are expected to be much higher. First forecasts are that societies may lend between £8,000m and £8,500m.

Although there are fears, particularly in government circles, that such a volume of lending might lead to a house-price spiral similar to that experienced in 1972-73, when prices rose by nearly half, most building society leaders tend to share Mr Williams's view that house prices are moving in line with earnings.

Looking back over 1977, the Nationwide survey of housing trends shows that house prices overall rose by 8 per cent, an 11 per cent increase being recorded for new houses and 7 per cent for secondhand properties.

Over the country the number of owner-occupied houses at the end of 1977 was 11,100,000, 53.5 per cent of all houses. The crude surplus of housing over households increased to an estimated 800,000 houses, 3.8 per cent of all dwellings.

Skateboard 'crime' brand resented

Local authorities came under attack yesterday for "branding young skateboarders as criminals" by not providing enough facilities for Britain's fastest growing sport.

Twenty youngsters in Dudley, West Midlands, face prosecution under a by-law for skateboarding on the pavements.

But yesterday Mr Greville Janner, Labour MP for Leicester, West, urged Mr Howell, the minister with responsibility for sport, to put pressure on all local authorities to provide facilities. He said: "Shouting at skateboarders and prosecuting them will get nowhere. It is hopeless to expect them to keep off the pavements if you do not offer them somewhere else to go."

In his letter to Mr Howell, he said Leicester had built 12 skatebord parks in the past month. "If every other city did that they would not need to prosecute youngsters for skateboarding on pavements."

Mr Barry Walsh, chairman of the National Skateboarding Association, said: "It seems that three to four million participants in a new sport are being branded as criminals. These kids will skateboard in safe areas. They know the pavements are not the place. But just give them the chance to use proper facilities."

Mr Walsh, who is also press officer for the British Safety Council, said his superiors there supported his views.

"Every authority has land available", he said. "It would cost nothing in some areas."

A Dudley police officer yesterday defended the decision to prosecute 20 skateboarders under a 1950 by-law originally designed to stop roller-skating on rights-of-way. "We had to do something. We were getting complaints every day", he said.

Police forces throughout the country are anxious. A recent report suggested that there might be more than 375,000 injuries connected with skateboarding this year.

It is thought that many forces might be unwilling to follow Dudley's line. Scotland Yard said it had received very few complaints about skateboarding.

It is understood that it would be up to an officer investigating a complaint to decide whether to take action. But skateboarding on the pavement is not necessarily an offence, subject to by-laws in force in different areas.

Solicitor sentenced over pirat film

Howard Worth, a s the first private film c in Britain to be convi dishonestly receiving a copy of a big feature fi given a 12-month con discharge and ordered £250 costs at the Centra inal Court yesterday.

Last summer he w victed of dishonestly r the film *The Go-Betwee* EMI Film Distributo tence was deferred further charges allegi spiracy to defraud fil panies by unlawfully in copyright.

Mr Worth, aged Cyprus Road, Nott appeared again yesterd those charges were ad indefinitely. He was se for last summer's offenc

Mr Worth, described "ardent film enthusiast a private cinema at his in Nottingham. The found there more than 3 ture films, about half of were stolen or private the court had been told.

Mr Worth denied th films sold to him were Last summer he was ac of dishonestly receivir films. The jury was ord find him not guilty on 1 counts.

Jubilee cost

Silver jubilee celebrat Portsmouth will cost rat £337,000, the city treas vealed yesterday.

Twentieth Sinn Fein chief is arrested

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

The campaign by the security forces in Northern Ireland against leading members of Provisional Sinn Fein continued yesterday with the arrest of Mr Thomas Hartley, a prominent republican who is publicity officer for the organization's Belfast branch and a member of its executive committee.

He was the twentieth member of the organization to be taken in for questioning in the past four weeks. Those previously arrested have been released without being charged.

A prison officer was wounded in the leg when a booby-trap bomb exploded in his car yesterday on the outskirts of Belfast. Later three gunmen planted bombs which damaged an electrical store near the city centre. Rush-hour traffic was disrupted as Army experts worked to defuse one device.

Penalties for inefficiency on planning appeals rejected

By Our Local Government
Correspondent

The Government has rejected a proposal that local authorities guilty of inefficiency in handling planning appeals should be subject to financial penalties.

The conclusion reached in a White Paper published yesterday, in response to the Commons Expenditure Committee's report on planning procedures, is that instances of inefficiency are infrequent at present and that the Government would be reluctant to act without overwhelming evidence in support of such a change.

The expenditure committee had made the proposal after expressing concern about delays in planning procedures.

In their response, the secretaries of state for the environment and for Wales considered that, while it was possible to find cases where decisions had taken a discreditably long time "there is very little evidence to demonstrate that in the vast majority of current planning applications and appeals the time taken to go through the process of consideration is unnecessarily long".

The speed of handling applications should not be pursued at the expense of a proper examination of the often complex issues involved, or of the need to take account of local opinion. "*It would be unacceptable* to contemplate any significant downgrading in the quality of the decisions, but the aim must be to see that these objectives are attained in a shorter time span."

Several improvements in development control machinery are in hand. They include the transfer of more industrial appeals to inspectors for decision and alterations in enforcement procedure.

Planning Procedures. The Government's response to the eighth report from the Expenditure Committee Session 1976-77 (Stationery Office, 25p).

Ministers urge a permanent pay policy

By Michael Hatfield
Political Reporter

The Government's determination to persuade the unions of the need to continue an income policy after the present phase was emphasized by two Cabinet ministers last night.

Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, argued strongly the case for a permanent income policy, and Mr Barnett, Chief Secretary of the Treasury, said the Government must have a policy for incomes.

Undoubtedly the speech of Mr Rodgers, who said it was time to stop thinking of income policy as a temporary expedient and to regard it as a necessary component of economic management and social planning, will be seen as reflecting the Cabinet's general view and will be taken as a guide by trade unionists.

Mr Rodgers said in Leicester that he was stating a personal view, but most of his Cabinet colleagues would agree with his statement that "the mood is ripe for a constructive discussion of how a settled income policy can evolve alongside and in conjunction with a substantial measure of collective bargaining".

It would be a voluntary policy, reached by agreement between government, unions, employers and resting on broad public approval. "TUC backing would be essential", he said.

His speech should be seen in the context of the planned strategy of Mr Callaghan, and Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to secure another phase after July, provided they can get union leaders to cooperate.

In Mr Rodgers's view "this is certainly a propitious moment to try for permanence, given the remarkable success of income policy in the last two and a half years".

Mr Barnett, said at Shaw, Lancashire: "If we are to bring our rate of price inflation down to the level of our international competitors, and keep it there, overall growth of earnings in the next round would have to be well below 10 per cent."

Industrialist urges curb on teacher unions' influence

From Judith Judd, of *The Times Higher Education Supplement*
York

Educationists who do not want to know about industry, and teachers' unions were criticized by Sir Peter Shepher, chairman of Shepherd Building Group, when he addressed the North of England education conference at York University

He said that in an area with nearly six thousand teachers only four from two schools had been seconded under the CBI's Understanding British Industry scheme. The teaching unions had too much influence in education.

"The Department of Education and Science should accept that the degree of involvement of teacher unions in educational product development is considerably greater than the normal practice in industrial product development and should be reduced."

The education world had become an inward-looking private club, he said. Teachers should accept responsibility for their pupils' employability. He suggested that offering some employees over 60 the opportunity of working for only half the week with unemployment pay at half rate would increase the opportunity of employment for young people.

Dr Patrick Nuttgens, Director of Leeds Polytechnic, called for schools and school examinations to be freed from the hold of the universities. He urged a single system of management for higher education and the same pay and conditions of service for teachers in polytechnics, universities and other colleges.

The universities' virtues should be protected but they must change.

Government urged to aid jobless disabled

By a Staff Reporter

The Government should take a stricter attitude towards private and public employers who do not meet their legal obligation to employ the required proportion of registered disabled people, a report by the Low Pay Unit says.

The report, written by Mr Frank Field, of the Child Poverty Action Group, says the unemployment rate for the disabled is almost three times the national average. There has been a decrease in the number of government departments employing at least 3 per cent disabled workers. The record for local authorities shows a deterioration, and that for nationalized industries remains appalling. Not one nationalized industry fulfils its quota, Mr Field says.

He argues that the Government should "pluck up courage and protect the rights of unemployed disabled workers". The Government must set its own house in order and ask other parts of the public sector to do likewise. Such a policy should be accompanied by a toughening of the Government's response to employers failing to fulfil their statutory obligations.

Under the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act, 1944, all employers with 20 or more workers are required to employ a proportion of registered disabled persons. The quota of 3 per cent has been unchanged since 1946. The report finds that the proportion of employers not meeting it has risen from 38.2 per cent in 1960 to 61.3 per cent in 1976.

Last November the unemployment rate for the disabled reached a record postwar level of 14.1 per cent. There have been only 10 recent prosecutions, and the Government's policy towards employers failing to fulfil their statutory duty is described by Mr Field as "no more than a velvet fist within a velvet glove".

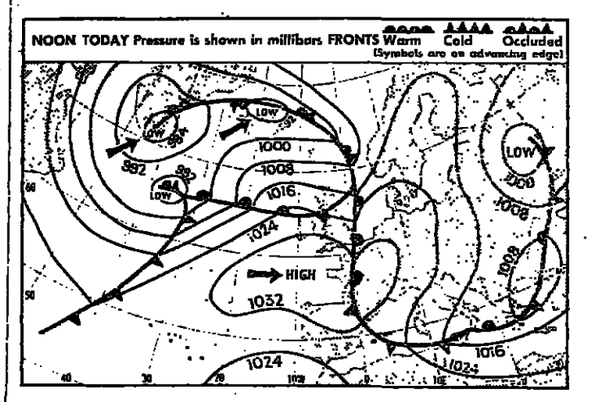
Only the Royal Mint and the Stationery Office, two of the smallest government departments fulfil their quota. Only one county council, Gwent, employs more than 3 per cent disabled, and more than half of all county councils employ less than 1 per cent. In Greater London only Newham fulfils its moral obligation. Four London authorities—Brent, Bromley, Kensington and Chelsea and Kingston upon Thames—employ less than 1 per cent disabled.

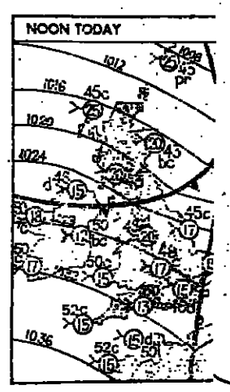
None of the 15 electricity boards employs 3 per cent disabled; nor does any of the 10 regional water authorities.

The report says: "This is a disgraceful record. It would be difficult to find any other area of government responsibility where public bodies so clearly and openly fail to fulfil the obligations they have happily laid upon the private sector. The cost of government inaction is that the disabled worker carries more than his fair share of today's unemployment."

Unfair Shares: The Disabled and Unemployment, by Frank Field (Low Pay Paper No 20. 50p).

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 8.6 am Sun sets: 4.7 pm

Moon rises: 3.25 am Moon sets: 1.9 pm

New moon: January 9.

Lighting up: 4.37 pm to 7.35 am.

High water: London Bridge, 9.31 am, 6.3m (20.7ft); 10.19 pm, 6.6m (21.7ft). Avonmouth, 2.35 am, 10.3m (33.8ft); 3.12 pm, 10.8m (35.4ft). Dover, 6.48 am, 6.0m (19.7ft); 7.34 pm, 5.9m (19.5ft). Hull, 1.37 am, 6.2m (20.4ft); 2.32 pm 6.3m (20.6ft). Liverpool, 7.11 am, 8.0m (26.2ft); 7.39 pm, 8.2m (26.7ft).

After a weak trough clears E regions a mild SW airstream will predominate.

London, SE and central S England, East Anglia: Frost at first, becoming cloudy with rain or drizzle, perhaps sleet in places, mainly dry later; wind mainly W, moderate; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Midlands, E, central N and NE England: Cloudy, rain in places, becoming mainly dry, bright periods developing; wind W, moderate; max temp 8°C (46°F).

Channel Islands, SW England: Mainly dry, rather cloudy, hill fog patches, bright intervals; wind W, moderate; max temp 12°C (54°F).

Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, N Ireland: Mainly dry, rather cloudy, hill fog patches, bright intervals; wind W, moderate; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth: Mainly dry, cloudy, hill fog patches, becoming brighter; wind W, moderate or fresh; max temp 7°C (45°F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, occasional rain; wind W fresh, locally strong; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Argyll, NW Scotland: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain or drizzle, some hill fog; wind W, fresh or strong; max temp 8°C (46°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Mostly dry and mild but becoming colder in N with rain in places.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Aberdeen	r	45	52	Budapest	s	9	48	L Palmas	f	20	68	New York	s	1	34
Algiers	s	17	63	Cardiff	d	8	46	Lisbon	f	17	63	Nice	s	15	59
Amsterdm	f	4	39	Cologne	sn	0	32	Locarno	s	11	52	Oslo	r	1	34
Athens	s	15	59	Connemara	s	10	50	London	r	5	41	Paris	r	4	39
Barbados	f	27	81	Dublin	r	7	45	Lux'burg	f	1	34	Reykjvk	sn	-1	30
Barcelona	s	11	52	Edinburgh	s	4	39	Madrid	s	9	48	Rome	s	12	54
Beirut	c	19	66	Florence	c	11	52	Majorca	f	14	57	Stockhlm	r	2	36
Belfast	r	5	41	Geneva	c	1	34	Malaga	c	15	59	Strasbrg	r	1	34
Berlin	s	3	37	Gibraltar	s	16	61	Malta	s	16	61	Tel Aviv	f	19	66
Biarritz	c	11	52	Guernsey	d	10	50	Manchstr	s	3	37	Tor'nto	f	12	54
Bermuda	f	21	70	Helsinki	sn	-1	30	Montreal	f	13	55	Venice	r	7	45
Birmingham	c	6	43	Innsbruck	c	2	36	Moscow	c	0	32	Vienna	r	5	41
Bristol	c	5	41	Istanbul	s	7	45	Munich	sn	-1	30	Warsaw	c	1	34
Brussels	s	9	48	Jersey	d	11	52	Naples	c	11	52	Zurich	sn	2	36

Sea passages: S North Strait of Dover: Wind S, W, fresh or strong; sea r

English Channel (E): S moderate or fresh; sea m St George's Channel, Iri Wind W, fresh, locally stro moderate.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max. 6 6 pm, 6°C (43°F); min, to 6 am, 4°C (39°F). Hu 6 pm, 64 per cent. Rai to 6 pm, 0.08in. Sun, 6 pm, 3.9hr. Bar, mean se 6 pm, 1,032.4 millibars. (1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Overseas selling prices

Austria S.Sch 15, Belgium, Canaries, Ptas 140; Denmark, D Finland, Fmk 2.50; France, Fr 1.70; Germany, Dm1; Greece, Dr 55; Holland, Fl 1; Italy, L 500; Luxembourg, Lf 25; Malta, 25c; Morocco, Dh 2.50; Portugal, Esc 33; Spain, Pts 50; Sweden, Skr 4.50; Switzerland, S.Fr 1; USA Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 22.

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Train driver killed in crash cleared of blame

Mr James Spence, a train driver, was cleared yesterday of blame for a crash in which he and four passengers were killed.

But Mr Spence had been drinking before the crash in breach of British Railways Board's rules, Lieutenant-Colonel Ian McNaughton, Chief Inspecting Officer of Railways, says in his report into the accident.

The crash was on August 30, 1973, when the electric train Mr Spence was driving from Wemyss Bay to Glasgow hit the rear of a diesel train on the outskirts of Glasgow.

Colonel McNaughton's report says there was no doubt that Mr Spencer, aged 50, of Ballochney Street, Airdrie, had drunk a quarter-gill of whisky and a half-pint of beer at the Wemyss Bay refreshment room 40 minutes before the crash.

He adds: "Although not contributing to the accident, Driver Spence's action in taking drink . . . was in blatant breach of the British Railways Board's rules.

"Since the date of this accident the board have taken strong measures to improve the observance and enforcement of their rules relating to drinking."

Colonel McNaughton said he believed Mr Spence, who suffered from a heart condition, had been taken ill during the journey.

No new year increase in electricity bills

By Roger Vielvoye

Electricity consumers have been given an unexpected new year bonus. For the first time since quarterly adjustments were made to bills in the summer of 1974 to compensate for rising coal and oil costs there is to be no increase.

When the Electricity Council undertook a review of power station fuel costs at the end of last year it found that for the first time in three and a half years its bills for coal and oil had not increased.

The Price Commission has been looking into the workings of the fuel-cost adjustment clauses in the electricity industry.



Sax increases lead in Hastings chess

From Harry Golombek
Hastings

Sax won his sixth game in succession in the Premier tournament at Hastings yesterday and now an appreciable gap is opening between him and the rest of the competitors. In the seventh round game he outplayed Webb in the middle game and forced a pawn on to queen.

The scores are: Sax, 6; Dzindzihashvili, 5; Petrosian, 4½; Speelman, 4; Tarlan, 5 and one adj; Mestel, Nunn and Webb, 3½; Botterill and Shamkovich, 3½; Hort and Sveshnikov, 2 and one adj; Fedorowicz, 2; Kagan, 1½; and Tisdall, 1 and one adj.

Results in round seven: Botterill 1, Fedorowicz 0, QP Benoni def deferred; Kagan 0, Dzindzihashvili 1, Sicilian def; Webb 0, Sax 1, QP King's Indian def; Petrosian ½, Speelman ½, QP King's Indian def.

Sveshnikov adj against Tarlan, Scotch game. Tisdall adj against Hort, Caro Kann def. Shamkovich 0, Nunn 1, QGD Tarrasch def. Mestel had the bye.

Adjourned games results, round six: Hort ½, Shamkovich ½; Sax 1, Kagan 0.

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HOME NEWS

Farming's perilous dependence on oil

From Hugh Clayton
Agricultural Correspondent
Oxford

British farming is dangerously dependent on falling energy sources, a leading agricultural scientist said yesterday. Sir Kenneth Blaxter, director of the Rowett Research Institute, Aberdeen, told farmers in Oxford: "Our present farming methods have developed because oil has been cheap."

A quarter of the country's primary energy supply was used to bring food from the field to the consumer's plate. Farmers had based their vast growth in output in recent years on increased use of oil-based inputs. "A search has to be made for means of food production that are not dependent on these inputs," Sir Kenneth said.

Dependence had risen much faster than yields in the past 50 years. "It does not seem to me a very good return on a 16-fold increase in draught power and a 20-fold increase in nitrogen fertilizer input to obtain simply a doubling of production."

Sir Kenneth's warning gained strength from its presentation by a leading figure in agricultural science. Such arguments usually come from less authoritative sources.

He was speaking at the Oxford Farming Conference, the annual forum at which British agriculture examines its soul on the first day and its techniques on the second.

Food production relied so much on limited reserves of fossil fuel that man could be said to consume oil rather than to eat food, he said. He dismissed hopes that British farming could escape from the stranglehold of oil by bringing horses back to the land. "This notion disappeared years ago", he said. "There is no question of replacing tractors with horses. It is nonsense."

There was also little hope of producing fuel through plant fermentation. If all Britain's farmland was used for that it would meet less than a tenth of national energy demands and produce no food.

Professor Gordon Dickson, professor of agriculture at Newcastle upon Tyne University, said the future was bleak for traditional independent farm landlords in Britain because of heavy taxes and government determination to hold down food prices.

"Land prices will go on escalating for a good while yet", he said. Farm rents had risen by only half in the past four years while costs had doubled. "We are seeing this leeway already being made up".

He was worried that the cost squeeze was pushing British farming into dangerously narrow specialization. "With the tremendous hammering that the pig industry has had and further pressure on the beef sector, we are in danger of too much dependence on cereals.

The 1947 Cabinet records, 3: India's independence and Lords' reform

Party advantage in clipping the wings of the peers

By Philip Howard

Journalists are unduly fond of playing geographer and claiming to have discovered watersheds. But nobody should complain if 1947 is described as one of the great watersheds of the Commonwealth. In its calendar were numbered the last days of the Raj in India, and also in Burma, the first country to decide to leave the Empire since the United States, though it managed it with less acrimony. The year marked the beginning of a brave new experiment as well as the end of an epoch. "We want no unwilling partners in the British Commonwealth", Mr Attlee said.

The Goverment records now released under the 30-year rule show the Cabinet engaged in long and anxious debates, as it became clear that there was no prospect of a union of India between the intransigents. The Prime Minister told his colleagues that the failure of the Indian politicians, who had all expressed an eager desire to be rid of British control, to agree on any form of government to succeed the British, must create an unfavourable impression.

"We desire to hand over our responsibilities to authorities established by a constitution approved by all parties in India. But unfortunately there is at present no clear prospect that such a constitution and such authorities will emerge. The present state is fraught with danger and cannot be indefinitely prolonged."

The state became more fraught with danger. By May the Prime Minister was warning his colleagues that unless they announced how they intended to transfer power very soon there would be widespread and uncontrollable riots. Yet the unhappy decision for partition was made with statesmanship approaching nobility.

Mr Attlee told the Cabinet: "The association of the peoples of Great Britain and India has achieved much in its long history that is notable and enduring for good." In spite of independence, the Cabinet hoped that the association of the two peoples would not be brought to an end when they broke up and resolved to do all in their power to further the well-being of all Indians.

In spite of their continuous preoccupation with Indian independence, the dollar crisis, food and fuel shortages, and the battalions of other sorrows that besieged the gates of Downing Street, the Cabinet found time after instructive debate to do something about the House of Lords. The Labour manifesto had proclaimed grandly: "We give clear notice that we will not tolerate obstruction of the people's will by the House of Lords."

The trouble was that since the election the peers had been as unobstructive as lambs, passing a number of important socialization measures without a bleat. Some members of the Cabinet argued that to interfere with the Lords when they were being so docile might alienate moderate opinion throughout Britain. So important a constitutional change ought to be specifically referred to the electorate.

Other more political ministers pointed out that their most important and controversial measure of nationalization, iron and steel, was still on the menu. When that stage in the meal was reached peers who never normally attended their House might emerge from their lairs in those mysteriously named backwoods to vote the measure down.

To ensure the nationalization of iron and steel in the lifetime of the present Parliament the Parliament Act of 1911 would have to be emended in 1948 to reduce the delaying power of the Lords. Anyway, the decision to clip the wings of the Lords would make up for the disappointment that many government supporters were going to feel when they found out that nationalization of iron and steel was going to be postponed until a later session.

Others argued that it would be a good time to reform the Lords, before any controversy had arisen between the two Houses of Parliament. The issues could then be discussed on their merits and would not be clouded by extraneous political bitterness over some other issue, such as nationalization.

Root-and-branch lumberjacks, who wanted not to prune but to chop down the powers of the Lords, were alarmed that they might be about to strengthen them. A measure that merely limited the length of time for which the House of Lords could delay the passage of government legislation would confirm the right of the Lords to interfere with such legislation.

As the effective government of the country had for many years been maintained in a single chamber, it would be a mistake to promote legislation affirming the principle of a bicameral legislature.

Other, dove-like constitutionalist ministers suggested that the Lords performed a useful function in revising legislation passed by the Commons. If it was to continue to exercise that invaluable function it must be allowed reasonable time to do it.

Some said "abolish the Lords": others said "leave them alone". Eventually the Cabinet resolved to reduce their delaying power. The decision was taken quite as much for party advantage as for genuine constitutional improvement. That is the piecemeal way that the British constitution has usually evolved, and is still evolving in the present debate on devolution.

The Cabinet still found time to decide to allow civic restaurants in England and Wales to serve alcohol, but not in Scotland, where, it was unkindly observed, "there were special differences". It despaired of finding incentives to persuade the recently nationalized miners to increase productivity. It spent much time trying to ban the Fascist periodical *Action*, but concluded that there was no way of defining such activities in a way that would not at the same time place disabilities on the advocacy of other political and even religious opinion.

The 1947 records raise the question whether any of our present ministers will ever achieve the stature of Attlee, Bevin, Morrison, Cripps, and Bevan when today's Cabinet papers are opened in 2008. Kindly time is a marvellous magnifier of politicians. The British prefer their politicians when they are long retired and out of harm's way.

Next: Civil emergency

WEST EUROPE

Finnish elections turn into a race to support the President

From Our Correspondent
Helsinki, Jan 4

Postal voting preceding the Finnish presidential election on January 15 and 16 has been slower than in the last general election. This has led to fears that the total vote will be low in this unusual election in which the six main parties support President Kekkonen. Dr Kekkonen, who is 77, has been President of Finland since 1956.

The only opinion poll published so far indicates, however, that the vote may approach 80 per cent. The voting percentage is more important than usual because President Kekkonen is the sure winner. The President's supporters have called on the voters to give massive support to the foreign policy established by Dr Kekkonen and his predecessor, President Paasikivi, which is based on warm relations with both the Soviet Union as well as the West.

This curious situation is further complicated by the Byzantine intrigues in Finland's internal politics which have led to a situation where all the main parties, from Conservatives to Communists, support President Kekkonen.

Instead of a normal political election campaign these very diverse parties are now concentrating on whipping their own supporters into voting for the same candidate to show that their party is the President's best supporter.

The constitution gives the President wide powers, and Dr Kekkonen has become an unusually dominant force in Finish politics by denying participation in the Government to any party opposing him.

The four candidates opposing Dr Kekkonen do not have the slightest chance of winning. According to a recent poll in the *Helsingin Sanomat*, Mr Raino Westerholm, of the Christian League, Mr Ahti Salonen, of the Constitutional Party, Mr Veikko Vennamo, of the Rural Party, and Mr Eino Haikala, of the Unity Party, are not expected to gain more than 11 per cent of the votes, compared with President Kekkonen's 89 per cent.

To ensure a high vote the six parties supporting the President and the state-controlled television and radio have mounted a strong campaign to convince Finns that voting is important. But the campaign has remained dull.

Finland is in the middle of a very severe economic recession, and the near desperate economic situation clouds everything.

University to market diagnostic aids

By John Roper

Birmingham University, in co-operation with a commercial business, has registered its own company to market immunodiagnostic reagents now widely used as an aid in the diagnosis of spina bifida, kidney damage and tumours.

Alta Medical Ltd, will use the expertise of the university's department of experimental pathology. A supply agreement has been made with UAC International Seward Laboratory.

The agreement means that the knowledge and skill of many years' research by the department will be used to sponsor work with money gained from industry.

The capital funds needed to expand development, basic research and quality control could not be provided by the Medical Research Council or the Department of Health. They agreed that an agreement should be negotiated with UAC International.

The Immunodiagnostic Research Laboratory established as a result is producing 24 specificities of antisera which will be available this year. Many more will go into production soon.

The reagents are antibodies produced from animals as antisera.



The remains of a petrol tanker that caught fire after a collision on the A405 at Colney Heath, Hertfordshire, yesterday. Striking firemen from St Albans left picket lines to help.

Two million fewer visits to the cinema

By Kenneth Gosling

Cinema attendances dropped by two million in the first nine months of last year, compared with the similar period in 1976.

The figures, 80.9m compared with 82.9m, reflect the continuing decline of cinemagoing in the 1970s. Admissions for 1971 were 176 million; that was down to 115.3m in 1975 and 103.9m in 1976.

April and May were bad months compared with 1976; June was almost level, and the succeeding months showed considerable improvement. The comparison is artificial when viewed in the light of the long, hot summer of 1976 when attendances were well down.

There is more evidence, according to Mr R. S. Camplin, general secretary of the Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association, that cinemagoers are becoming more discriminating.

In spite of the steep fall in attendance, multiple cinema complexes continue to open; the latest, in London, is the Classic group's four-in-one.

The £1m project, seating more than a thousand, was shown to the press yesterday. Mr Laurie Marsh, chairman of Classic Cinemas, said: "A lot of people are convinced that the cinema industry is not only declining but is due to die in the immediate future. They think television will overcome the whole cinema market.

"Nothing could be farther from the truth: there is room for both. The important thing to remember is that it is the audience that determines whether there will be a future for the cinema

Reduce number of jailings, church report says

By Our Religious Affairs Correspondent

A new law requiring judges to state their reasons when sending people to prison is suggested today by a Church of England working party. In a report, it states that there is much to be said for building a presumption against prison sentences into the system, as has recently been done against remands in custody in the Bail Act.

The working party, set up to examine recent trends in prison policy and to propose directions for the future, states that pressure needs to be maintained on the courts to restrict the use of imprisonment.

"One expedient would be to require the court, where such a choice existed, to declare its reasons for choosing a prison sentence. As the recently enacted Bail Act shows, it is possible to build into the practice of the courts a presumption against the use of custodial measures. There is much to be said for extending that practice to the disposal of convicted offenders."

The present system needs to be helped to cope with the strain of long-term imprisonments arising from the abolition of the death penalty, and therefore needs to have the weight of other responsibilities reduced.

The working party found a shift in general underlying attitudes to prison away from the concept of rehabilitation. In fact the idea of punishment through the deprivation of liberty was at odds with rehabilitation; a positive change in a prisoner was not something to be expected.

Punishment should be seen purely as depriving someone of liberty, and within that limit prisoners should have every opportunity of exercising choice and self-determination.

"Living in the world, we know the considerable though not total extent to which the life we lead depends on our own effort and choices. It should be the aim of prison regimes to convey this same lesson to prisoners, acknowledging that they will exercise choice in different ways; the choice not to avail oneself of opportunities is itself a valid choice."

Prisons and Prisoners in England Today; Church Information Office, Church House, Westminster, SW1; £1.50.

Four men for trial accused of aiding escape

Four men charged with helping three Italians to escape from Thames Magistrates' Court, London, in September were committed in custody for trial at the Central Criminal Court when they appeared at the same court yesterday.

Mauro Amati, aged 25, a plasterer, his brother, Stefano, aged 19, a decorator both of Langham Road, Tottenham; Nicola D'Amico, aged 19, unemployed, and Donato Fanelli, aged 19, a shop assistant, both of Glynfield Road Harlesden, all London, are charged with assisting in the escape of Anthony Papalia, Umberto Frascati and Luigi Torri.

The men who escaped, two of whom have been recaptured, were remanded to Lambeth Magistrates' Court with others on charges connected with an alleged $300m international fraud.

The Amatis, Mr D'Amico and Mr Fanelli are further charged with Robert Papalia with aiding and abetting the runaways to escape and with conspiracy.

Patient charged

A Broadmoor patient aged 23 was remanded to prison for five days by magistrates at Guildford, Surrey, yesterday, charged with attempting to rape a housewife while he was on a day outing from the hospital at Crowthorne, Berkshire.

Tanker men back

More than two thousand petrol tanker drivers in the Midlands return to work today after a 24-hour unofficial strike in support of a 30 per cent pay rise.

Fiat security official is shot dead

Cassino, Italy, Jan 4.—The head of security at a Fiat car plant was shot dead today. Left-wing extremist groups later claimed responsibility for the murder.

Signor Carmine de Rosa, aged 51, was shot by several gunmen outside his home this morning as he was getting into his car to drive to work in this small central Italian town, police said.

A few hours later, callers purporting to represent the "Armed Workers for Communism" group and the "Armed Proletarian Nuclei" each told local newspapers they had carried out the killing.—Reuter.

In Rome, bandits armed with pistols and sub-machine guns abducted Signor Sergio Sonnino, aged 35, the proprietor of a building supply company. It was Italy's first reported kidnapping of the year.

Later the Sonnino family received a telephone call from the alleged abductors ordering them "to get a lot of money ready", police said.

Six armed and masked youths broke into the Rome offices of the newspaper *Corriere della Sera* and of the Rizzoli publishing house and threw several fire bombs inside. The building's caretaker was taken to hospital with burns.

It was the latest in a series of terrorist attacks against journalists and newspapers in Italy. Leftist groups have claimed responsibility for most of them.—UPI and AP.

Couple held in German spy inquiry

Karlsruhe, Jan 4.—West German police have arrested an East German couple on suspicion of spying on Western military installations from their base in Holland.

The couple, Horst Shadock and his wife, Marie-Luise, were detained during a visit to the Rhineland resort town of Bad Neuenahr on December 23.

The Dutch Ministry of Justice announced in The Hague that the couple's bungalow in Sittard, southern Holland, was searched at the request of German authorities. Material had been confiscated "which may be connected with espionage activities".

A Dutch spokesman said the couple had been under police surveillance due to their lavish life style.—AP and Agence France Presse.

Fifteen killed in chain of crashes

Venice, Jan 4.—Fifteen people have been killed and more than 130 injured, several critically, in two days of multiple collisions in dense fog on a stretch of Italian motorway police said.

Six people died today in one 200-car crash on the Milan-Venice autostrada between Brescia and Bergamo, where several collisions involving altogether 800 cars yesterday left nine dead.

£17,300 government grant for purchase of flagon

Confusion over the Treasury's role in the purchase of art treasures threatened with export was clarified yesterday when the Department of Education and Science explained the procedure that will be followed for making a special grant towards the purchase of one of the Mostyn flagons.

The purchase by the Leeds city galleries will be helped by a government grant of £17,300.

"If an offer is accepted by the purchaser", the department said, "a certain amount of government aid will be available subject to parliamentary approval."

The department has always to consult the Treasury about transferring cash from one part of the arts budget to another.

Leading figures in the art world have maintained that the Treasury has told museum and gallery directors that special grants are to end.

One of them, Mr Hugh Leggatt, said yesterday: "Since the Treasury has now decided to change its mind about special grants, perhaps it will accede to the Tate Gallery's request last month and provide £225,000 towards the purchase of Gainsborough's portrait of Sir Benjamin Truman."

Queen to visit West Sussex

The Queen is to visit West Sussex and Peterborough, two areas she did not go to during her silver jubilee tour last year. The West Sussex trip on Friday, March 10, will include a visit to the Royal Military Police at Chichester.

On the Peterborough visit on Wednesday, March 22, she will be accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh. After opening magistrates' courts and a social and sports complex, they will attend the Peterborough show of the Shire Horse Society.

Attacker sent to Broadmoor

A passenger who stabbed a bus inspector and four policemen after an argument about paying his fare was sent to Broadmoor by Mr R. F. Rigby, the recorder, at Shrewsbury Crown Court yesterday.

Josef Chrusliak, aged 54, of Craythorne Avenue, Oxley, Wolverhampton, who was born in Poland, pleaded guilty at Stafford Crown Court last month to five charges of wounding with intent and the case was adjoured for medical reports.

Miners' editor loses appeal

Maurice Jones, the editor of the Yorkshire Miner, lost an appeal yesterday against his conviction for using threatening words and behaviour in the Grunwick picket line on June 23. Mr Jones, of Intake, Sheffield, was fined £50 with £50 costs at Barnet Magistrates' Court.

He also lost £50 bail because he fled to East Germany shortly after his arrest. He returned to England on July 24 after Mr Arthur Scargill, the Yorkshire miners' leader, had flown out to him.

On his return, Mr Jones said he had left Britain because of police harassment.

Two other Yorkshire miners lost similar appeals yesterday.

French socialists publish own electoral ideas

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Jan 4

The French Socialist Party, unable so far at least to draw up a common programme for the coming election with the Communists, today published its own ideas of what it should be like.

It is a 123-page book in which the first common programme and the ideas the socialists have this time are printed in different type faces.

On the main issue of the scope of nationalization the book says that the Socialists have left open the question of how many subsidiary companies should be included in nationalization plans.

M Pierre Beregovoy, the party's national secretary, says in an introduction that the Socialists have rejected only those Communist ideas which threaten the balance on which the common programme was founded.

At a press conference to launch the book, M François Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, confidently accused the Government's electoral promises of being fairy stories based on figures that would produce a growing budget deficit by 1982 of 153,000m francs (£17,000m).

Putting out some of his own party's election promises he suggested a rise in the basic wage to 2,400 francs a month for a 40-hour week. This figure is 200 francs higher than the previous Socialist claim and is in line with the amount suggested by the Communist Party.

This closes one of the gaps between the two main partners of the Union of the Left. M Mitterrand said that there was no point of disagreement between the two that was big enough to prevent the left from winning.

The Socialists were ready, he went on, to govern on the basis of the proposals that had been put forward and would do so with their partners. He hoped that the Communists and Left Radicals would give their reply "the sooner the better".

This, he said, meant that the head of state had descended to party politics and was showing himself a partisan. "We are no longer a monarchy, where the monarch is given the divine right to tell a country what is all right, good or bad."

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Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948 that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Kenneth Russell Cork, of the firm of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants, of Guildhall House, 81/87, Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7DS, on Wednesday, the 18th day of January, 1978, at 11.15 a.m. to be followed at 11.30 a.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.
Dated this 21st day of December, 1977.
K. R. CORK, Liquidator.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1976 and in the Matter of NEWPORT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation).
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants, Guildhall House, 81/87 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7DS on Tuesday, the 17th day of January, 1978, at 11.45 a.m. to be followed at 12 noon by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidators' Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-up to date.
Dated this 23rd day of December, 1977.
N. B. CORK, Liquidator.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1976 and in the Matter of TITLE INVESTMENTS Limited (In Liquidation).
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants, Guildhall House, 81/87 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7DS on Monday, the 23rd day of January 1978 at 3 p.m. to be followed at 3.15 p.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidators' Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.
Dated this 21st day of December, 1977.
I. A. BRECHER, M. A. JORDAN, Joint Liquidators.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1976 and in the Matter of ORCHARD HOUSE PROPERTIES Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation).
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of Guildhall House, 81/87, Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7DS on Monday, the 23rd day of January 1978 at 11.25 a.m. to be followed at 11.27 a.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.
Dated this 16th day of December, 1977.
D. W. HAWKINS, Liquidator.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1976, and in the Matter of SLOANE ELECTRICAL Limited (In Liquidation).
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of Guildhall House, 81/87, Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7DS, on Thursday, the 19th day of January 1978 at 11.15 a.m. to be followed at 12 noon by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.
Dated this 16th day of December, 1977.
M. A. JORDAN, Liquidator.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1976 and in the Matter of PARRISH DEVELOPMENTS Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation).
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of Guildhall House, 81/87, Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7DS, on Monday, the 23rd day of January, 1978, at 11.40 a.m. to be followed at 11.42 a.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.
Dated this 16th day of December, 1977.
D. W. HAWKINS, Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of S.P.D. DECORATORS Limited No. 001739 of 1966.
Notice is hereby given that a FIRST and FINAL DIVIDEND to be CREDITORS is intended to be DECLARED in the above-named Company and that Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the 20th January, 1978, after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Creditors as shall then have proved their claims.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Liquidator, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD.

LEGAL NOTICES

In the Matter of BRITISH BATTERIES OVERSEAS Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.
Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP, are required, on or before the 31st day of January, 1978, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned PAUL FREDERICK MARTEN SHEWELL, M.A., F.C.A., of Coopers & Lybrand, Abacus House, Gutter Lane, Cheapside, London, EC2V 8AH, the LIQUIDATOR of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 30th day of December, 1977.
P. F. M. SHEWELL, Liquidator.
N.B.—This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

No 005087 of 1977
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION In the Matter of SAATCHI & SAATCHI COMPTON Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.
Notice is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 5th December 1977 CONFIRMING the REDUCTION of the CAPITAL of the above-named Company from £400,000 to £118,133.30 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 16th December 1977.
Dated this 5th day of January 1978.
MACFARLANES
Dowgate Hill House,
London EC4R 2SY.
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1976 and in the Matter of COLLISSON PROPERTY MANAGEMENT Ltd. (In Voluntary Liquidation).
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of Guildhall House, 81/87, Gresham Street, London EC2V 7DS, on Friday, the 27th day of January 1978, at 11.45 a.m. to be followed at 12 noon by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.
Dated this 28th day of December, 1977.
J. D. NAYLOR, Liquidator.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1976 and in the Matter of JUBILEE HOUSE PROPERTY COMPANY Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation).
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of Guildhall House, 81/87, Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7DS, on Monday, the 23rd day of January, 1978, at 11.35 a.m., to be followed at 11.37 a.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.
Dated this 16th day of December, 1977.
D. W. HAWKINS, Liquidator.

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75168	75339	75781	76893	77103	77364	77474	78191	78194	78197
78300	78639	78934	78952	78954	78955	78957	80046	80874	81230
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WEST EUROPE AND OVERSEAS

Aswan meeting makes US policy more acceptable to Egypt

From David Watts
Aswan, Jan 4

President Carter made his Middle East peacemaking role more acceptable to many Arabs today in a warm 90-minute meeting with President Sadat, which seemed to go a long way to meeting Egyptian pleas for a more even-handed approach by Washington.

The main point at issue between the two Presidents has been the future status of the Palestinians. Today's meeting at this ancient town brought the position of the United States and that of Egypt to only "a hair's breadth" apart, according to an American diplomat.

As Mr Carter was about to leave for Paris, President Sadat said: "I am very happy to say that our views were identical and we have agreed upon certain steps to keep the momentum of the peace process". He did not say what these steps would be, but it was understood thot President Carter intended to make contact with Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, during his flight to France.

Egypt has been calling for the creation of an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank, something which Mr Carter firmly rejected in a televised press conference soon after the Christmas Day talks in Ismalia between President Sadat and Mr Begin. Mr Sadat then accused Mr Carter of making further negotiations "difficult".

But in his statement at the end of today's talks, President Carter moved closer to the Egyptian position when he said: "There must be a resolution of the Palestinian problem in all its aspects. The problem must recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and enable the Palestinians to participate in the determination of their own future."

This comes closer to the position taken by President Sadat in a television interview on Monday, when he made it clear that he was prepared to be flexible about the timing for the creation of a Palestinian state or entity linked to Jordan. But, he insisted, the question of self-determination was not negotiable.

This was the first time that the American President had spoken of the "legitimate rights of the Palestinian people" since the joint Soviet-American declaration on the Middle East of October 1. Soon afterwards he back-pedalled under strong domestic pressure.

Observers noted that President Carter had chosen his language today in terminology designed to please the Egyptian leader and it certainly had that effect. After the talks President Sadat said that there was "perfect agreement" on the Palestinian issue.

The two leaders met during a stopover on Mr Carter's flight from Riyadh to Paris in the small wood-panelled lounge of Aswan airport, appropriately in the heart of Egypt's peanut-growing country.

Speaking of his great pleasure at being "in this great country led by such a strong and courageous man", President Carter declared that the Egyptian-Israeli peace initiative must succeed.

"We fully support this effort and we intend to play an active role in the work of the political committee of Cairo which will soon reconvene in Jerusalem", he said. "We believe there are certain principles, fundamentally, which must be observed before a just and comprehensive peace can be achieved.

"First, true peace must be based on normal relations among the parties to the peace." In a remark apparently for Israel's benefit he continued: "Peact means more than just an end to the belligerency.

"Second, there must be withdrawal by Israel from territories occupied in 1967 and agreement on secure and recognized borders for all parties in the context of normal and peaceful relations in accordance with United Nations Resolutions.

"Third, there must be a resolution of the Palestinian problem in all its aspects. The problem must recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and enable the Palestinians to participate in the determination of their own future."

In another remark apparently intended for Israeli ears, he went on: "Some flexibility is always needed to ensure successful negotiations and the resolution of conflicting views. We know that the mark of greatness among leaders is to consider carefully the views of others. . . ."

Riyadh, Jan 4.—Before President Carter left here for Egypt today he was told that Saudi Arabia still considered the rigt to self-determination by the Palestinian Arabs an essential ingredient of a Middle East peace.

Prince Saud al-Faisal, the Foreign Minister, told reporters after Mr Carter's departure that a just and lasting peace must fulfil two conditions. "A complete Israeli withdrawal from the territories occupied in 1967, including Jerusalem, and the realization of the legitimate rights of the Palestinians, including self-determination and return (of the refugees)".

Asked whether there was a gap between the Saudi and American positions, Prince Saud said there yas a difference between them as the Americans were acting as an intermediary in the Arab-Israeli conflict while Saudi Arabia belonged to one side.—Reuter.

Carter plan to meet 'challenge to democracy'

From Ian Murray
Paris, Jan 4

President Carter has made cause of human rights and the challenge to democracy the keynote of his first official visit to France.

After his tour through some of the world's less recognizable democracies, he has decided to draw on the historic and close links between France and the United States as an inspiration for what he is calling "a new agenda for democracy".

Like a baseball player safely back on home base he has felt free to breathe easily again. In a strong speech at the Palais de Congres this evening he drew attention to the challenges facing Western society and spelt out a five-point plan of action to meet them. The evening was sponsored by several French and American cultural and commercial bodies.

The President told his audience there was one belief above all others that had made them what they were. "This is the belief that the rights of the individual inherently stand higher than the claims of the state. This is the message that the American and French peoples, each in turn, carried forward to the world two centuries ago. These are the values which the world still depends upon us to affirm."

However, Mr Carter said, "our democratic order" was now under challenge.

"Voices in the developing world ask whether notions of free speech, personal liberty, and freely-chosen government should not be pushed aside, in the struggle to overcome poverty. Voices in the industrialized world ask whether democracy equips us for the frenzied pace of change in our modern lives."

Governments everywhere had begun to seem remote, impersonal and incompetent and people questioned whether any government could hear their "distant and soliatry voices".

The first task was to devise ways in which government and social institutions could better and more quickly respond to the higher standards of leadership and service demanded by the people. New ways also had to be found to answer the old problem of combining freedom with responsibility.

The second item on the agenda was the economic challenge. It was necessary not only to restore growth, control inflation and reduce unemployment; it had also to be shown that the democratic economic system could adapt to the demands placed on it.

The third task was to provide for mutual security. The central problem today was maintaining the will to keep the military strength the West needed, while seeking every opportunity to build a better peace. Détente would be impossible without the Nato alliance and popular support for strong defence.

America was determined to seek balanced and mutual limits on deployment of nuclear weapons leading to their eventual elimination.

The fourth item, Mr Carter said, was the effort of the Europeans to shape their own future through the European Community. The United States would give unqualified support to these efforts "for we see European strength and unity as a boon and not as a threat to us".

The final item on the agenda was the need for democracies to cooperate in adapting to global change. The factors that had led to economic success over the past two generations had also altered the relationship between the industrialized world and the developing world and more had to be done to "reorder" relations between the North and South.

Throughout his tour, the President said, he had emphasized that the modern struggle was not only to establish peace but to protect the individual from the power of the state.



President Carter and President Giscard d'Estaing wave to the crowds as they walk down the Champs Elysées.

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his wife's hand and lead her down to the reception committee headed by President Giscard d'Estaing and his wife.

Th fine rain that had been falling until then had stopped and the two presidents walked along the red carpet to review the guard of honour and to stand before the colour party with the tricolour as the band of the Garde Republicaine played the national anthems.

From the traditional speeches of welcome and thanks made by the two men once all the formal introdctions were over, it was clear that after the round of difficult meetings President Carter has been having on his journey so far, the visit to France was going to be above all a meeting between two old friends.

President Giscard d'Estaing proudly emphasized that although France might be America's oldest ally it was a modern country, "master of its own destiny and its own defence". The two nations, he said, shared a common attachment to liberty.

There were many varied problems to discuss and although they might have different points of view about their solutions he was sure that their talks would lighten the way towards a solution.

President Carter acknowledged America's intellectual and cultural debt to France "only exceeded by the nation whose language I now speak". The two countries had a special and rare relationship, he said.

France and America had an alliance of ideas. Two hundred years ago they hd helped each other to define liberty and had realized that people possessed rights higher than the rights of any power. These rights were still the bedrock of the democracy of their two countries.

Human rights were being souhgt round the world with growing intensity.

Americans would always be thankful to the French nation for what it had done at the time of their nation's birth. It was in the same spirit that Americans had come to Normandy's beaches "to protect your liberty and therefore our own".

He ran through some of the main problems facing the world which would clearly be on the agenda during the four hours of private talks that are planned during the 43-hour visit. Stability of growth, economic justice, defence, the Middle East, détente with tht Soviet block, reduction of arms sales and energy conservation were all mentioned.

But he returned to human rights, and the 200-year old alliance with France in fighting for them, as his main theme.

Their approach to different problems might not be the same, he said, but he was sure that their strong relationship over the past two centuries would grow even stronger.

The speeches over, the two men left the airport to drive to the Arc de Triomphe through streets lined with people despite the cold gre yweather. After the walkabout the two presidents went straight to the Elysée Palace for their first private talk.

It lasted for an hour and a half, and when it was over the two went out into the Faubourg St Honoré and walked together down the street to the American ambassador's resident, the Hotel Marigny, with thei rsecurity men forcing a way through the crowds.

President Carter's gesture to the Paris crowd was the perfect answer to M Jacques Chirac, the city's Gaullist mayor, who last night told the American Ambassador that he was astonished that the President had not found time to salute the Parisians through him at the Hôtel de Ville.

M Chirac issued a statement this evening saying he would not be attending any of the ceremonies to be given in President Carter's honour.

A little bit of old New York for sale

From Michael Leapman
New York, Jan 4

Nothing in New York is tremendously old, which is why its citizens can get sentimental ov r a 60-year-old hotel which was never one of the city's most elegant.

It is this nostalgia, mingled with the ever-present hope of acquiring a spectacular bargain, which will motivate the several thousand people who will go to the old Commodore Hotel today, to pick over its remains.

The Commodore is a relic of America's railway era, built alongside Grand Central Station in 1919 and named after Commodore Cornelius Vendrbilt, the railway entrepreneur who died in 1877.

With 2,000 rooms on 27 floors, and an enormous ballroom. It was always among the city's largest hostelries until it closed with little warning in the summer of 1976.

It was not, though ,quite as classy as the Biltmore or the Roosevelt, the two otehr stations hotels at Grand Central. It was for commercial travellers ratehr than for the wealthy first-class traffic. Indeed, during the aast few years of its life, as rail travel declined, it was reduced to showing soft-core pornographic films on the closed-circuit televisions in its bedrooms.

Its entrance lobby, with a high ceiling criss-crossed with dark beams, was designed in the Italian style. In recent years, witha the addition of the appurtenances a modern hotel lobby needs, its character had become indeteminare, veering if anything towards the Castillian.

Yet there are still some of the ornate fittings left. The first thing which confronts prospective buyers when they enter is a laege ormulu chandelier, price tagged at $7,500 (£3,750). It is a fixed-price saie and not an auction.

In the lobby hangs the wonden carved clock, one of the many in the city which is reputed to have been a favourite meeting place for pre-war New Yorkers, who seemed to spend an inordinate amount of time on sub-horological assignations.

This is marked at $5,000—the same price as a superb pair of brass mail boxes, dated 1919, which are possibly the most desirable pieces in the sale.

The sale is being organized by National Content Liquidators who specialize in this kind of thing. Their national sales manager, Mr Michael Kabealo, who showed me round, said that the mail boxes would probably be bought by lawyers to use in their offices as drinks cabinets.

Apart from television sets and modern bedroom furniture, there are a number of sourvenir items which, like the mail boxes, will be converted to other functions. Large copper saucepans, some 2ft in diameter, will fetch $£125 and will be used, Mr Kabealo said, as plant holders.

An ancient refrigerator in the kitchens, with pine doors and brass fitments, is to go for $325 and will probably end up in a city bar with an old-time motif.

Souvenir hunters of more modest means can buy a nice salt and pepper stt, with the hotel's "C" crest engraved into the glass and with silver-plated tops, for $10. Blue bath mats with "Commodore" written on in white are $5 each.

It will take three months, Mr Kabealo believes, to sell everything, though the most desirable items will probably go in the first three days, when a $2 admission fee will be charged. When it is cleared the hotel will be replaced by a brand new one.

The most expensive item is an entire cocktail bar on sale for $75,000, with all its fitments. An ultra-modern structure of steel beams and Plexiglass, with neon everywhere, it was opened only a month before the hotel closed.

I was surprised to see that, unlike the ordered neatness of the rest of the sale items, this looked as though it had been through a rough night. The tables were covered with empty bottles, overturned glasses and full ashtrays.

I wondered whether this was a deliberate effect, to give buyers an impression of a working bar, but Mr Kabealo disabused me of that. "This is where we had our press conference yesterday", he explained ruefully.

Goebbels Diaries in English

The volume of *Goebbels Diaries* covering February 28 to April 10, 1945, referred to in a report in *The Times* yesterday, will be published in English in May by Secker and Werburg. It is translated by Major-General R. H. Barry and edited by Professor Hugh Trevor-Roper.

Hardline Arab leaders and PLO reject new US moves

Beirut, Jan 4.—The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and hardliners in the Arab world today rejected President Carter's latest attempts to bolser Middle East peace moves.

The PLO reacted coldly to the President's statement in support of Palestinian rights, saying America was still seeking a settlement which fell far short of Palestinian demands.

Meanwhile, Algerian, Iraqi and Libyan leaders meeting in Baghdad discussed preparations for a proposed summit of hardline Arab states determitnd to trustrate Egypt's peace initiative with Israel.

Arab diplomatic sources here said Mr Carter's remarks, which he made after talks with President Sadat in Egypt, had failed to tone down widespread anger over his announcement last week that he did not favour the creation of an independent Palestinian state.

The sources said that the Palestinians saw Mr Carter's declared opposition to an independent Palestinian state as justification for their rejection of the peace moves.

Mr Majid Abu Sharrar, the PLO information chief, said that President Carter's remarks represented no change in the American attitude.

At the Baghdad meeting, President Bakr or Iraq discussed moves to frustrate the Egyptian-Israeli peace talks with President Boumedienne of Algeria. They were joined by Mr Abdul-Salam Turaiki, the Libyan Foreign Minister, and the leaders of two radical Palestinian guerrilla groups.—Reuter.

Begin warning on Palestinians

From Michael Knipe
Jerusalem, Jan 4

Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, said firmly today that there could not be any self-determination, as the term was understood in international law and practice, for the Palestinian Arabs.

He was commenting after speaking by telephone to President Carter in his aircraft following Mr Carter's meeting with President Sadat in Aswan.

Self-determination meant a Palestinian state, Mr Begin said. The Palestine Liberation Organization would take this over in no time. Then it would turn into a Soviet base and Israel's civilian population would be in range of conventional artillery.

To support his prognosis Mr Begin cited the experiences of Angola, Mozambique, Ethiopia, South Yemen, Libya and Malta. "We cannot accept this mortal danger to our civilians", he said.

The Palestinian Arabs could have self-rule but not self-determination. There was self-determination for the Arab people in 21 sovereign states, and the self-rule being offered for the Arabs in Judaea and Sumaria (the Israeli term for the occupied West Bank) was fair and just.

He compared the Palestinian situation to that of Mexicans living in the United States. There were several million Mexicans living in the United States and they were not asking for self-determination.

The Israeli leader told reporters that he had had a "pleasant chat" with Mr Carter from the president's aircraft en route from Aswan to Paris, and that the American leader had promised to let him have full details of his discussions with President Sadat.

He had been told that Mr Sadat had expressed feelings of friendship for him and these were mutual.

Meanwhile, speaking to students in Haifa today, Mr Moshe Dayan, the Foreign Minister, predicted that one result of the refusal of hard line Arab elements to participate in the pease talks would be that Egypt and Israel would reach a bilateral agreement

"I believe that the Egyptians want to continue the negotiations until the end and if we come to an agreement they will not let the Rejection Front veto it," he said.

Mr Desai stands firm in talks with US leader

From Kuldip Nayar
Delhi, Jan 4

Within 24 hours of President Carter's departure from Delhi, various things have surfaced to suggest that India has stood its ground in talks with him.

Mr Carter asked Mr Desai, the Prime Minister, why India had not exchanged ambassadors with Israel while its policy was one of amity with all. Mr Desai replied that full diplomatic recognirion would follow peace in Western Asia. (India has allowed only an Israeli consulate.. to function from Bombay.

Mr Desai always brought in the Soviet Union whenever there was talk of peace or development. He said that peace in western Asia was dependent on the equation between Washington and Moscow. He took the same line on the lessening of tension in the world.

At one stage, Mr Carter said that it was not as simple as that. Later, he sought India's help in persuading the Soviet Union to join the United States in helping the under-developed nations.

Replying to a question by Mr Carter, Mri Desai gave him a brief account of his visit to the Soviet Union.

Earlier Mr Carter had talked feelingly about the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. He said that 103 countries had already signed it while India, Israel, South Africa, Mexico and Argentina had not.

He added that Israel and South Africa were on the point of manufacturing a nuclear bomb and South Africa had even selected a site for it. Pakistan was not far behind. India which talked of peace and disarmament, should sign the treaty.

Australians who say: 'Bomb the Aborigines'

Canberra, Jan 4.—Some Australians believe the country's Aborigines should be herded on to an offshore island and bombed, a Government investigation showed today.

The investigation into racial discrimination by the Community Relations Bureau also found there was a danger of "de facto apartheid" excluding Aborigines from ordinary life in Australia.

"One view repeatedly expressed was that the most practical solution would be to shepherd the Aborigines to an offshore island and bomb them", the report said.—Reuter.

World press review lists dangers to journalists

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Journalism is fast becoming one of the world's riskiest professions, according to a report by the International Press Institute.

The dangers are underlined by the great number of attacks on journalists last year. The institute's review of world press freedom for 1977 cites cases of kidnappings in six countries, bombings in six, torture and other forms of assault in eight and detention in at least 25. None of these figures includes the communist block.

The institute suggests that journalists should be granted a measure of official protection, with the guarantee of legal action against their attackers, in order to enhance the status of the profession. It also urges an international convention to give bona fide journalists immunity to carry out their work.

The murder of David Holden, chief foreign correspondent of *The Sunday Times* was but the latest in a long line of casualties, while the arrival in London today of Mr Donald Woods, the banned editor of the East London *Daily Dispatch*, shows the kind of hazard journalists face in countries such as South Africa.

Air India denies it was warned of plane attack

The London office of Air India yesterday denied reports from Bombay that it had been warned by extremists on December 28 that an Air India aircraft would be attacked.

The warning was said to have arrived four days before an Air India jumbo jet blew up after taking off from Bombay for Dubai, with the loss of all 213 people on board.

An official of the London office said: "I totally refute the suggestion that any such warning was given."

Britain grants record £144m aid to India

Delhi, Jan 4.—Britain today signed five agreements providing aid worth £144m to India over the next two years.

This is the largest amount Britain has ever signed over at a single ceremony in India, which receives one-quarter of all British aid granted to individual countries.

The agreements were signed by Mr Leonard Allinson, the acting British High Commissioner, and Dr Manmohan Singh, Secretary of the department of economic affairs in the Indian Finance Ministry.

The aid, which is entirely in grants, represents a 30 per cent increase over the sum granted last year and is double the amount of four years ago.

The agreements comprise £70m for maintenance aid, £30m for mixed projects, £20m each for the import of capital investment goods and for the coal and power sectors, and £4m for debt refinancing. The last sum is not tied to the purchase of British goods and services.—Reuter.

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Vietnam forces said to control most of Parrot's Beak after bitter fighting with Cambodia

From Neil Kelly
Bangkok, Jan 4

American and Thai intelligence experts here believe that Vietnamese forces numbering as many as 60 000 probably control much of the Parrot's Beak—the tongue of Cambodian territory protruding into Vietnam.

However, the same experts dismiss reports that the Vietnamese are close to Phnom Penh and plan to capture the Cambodian capital in the next day or two. In their view, the Vietnamese, for reasons of international prestige, do not wish to capture even small towns.

Intelligence estimates of casualties, based upon satellite observations, are that 8,000 to 10,000 lives have been lost in the past four months, with Cambodian casualties outnumbering the Vietnamese by three to two.

All these reports are based upon expert surmise. There are few hard facts apart from the knowledge that heavy fighting began between Vietnam and Cambodia in October.

It began with the Phnom Penh Government attacking Vietnam's new "economic areas"—40 or 50 villages established in the border areas. The Cambodians regarded them as an infringement of their territory. Certainly they are in areas where the border has not been clearly defined since the French colonial authorities vaguely established the frontier



Vietnamese, Cambodian and Thai maps show conflicting markings and these have been the cause of armed clashes for the past two and a half years.

In the past fortnight fighting along the 750-mile long Vietnam-Cambodian border has intensified, probably as a result of Vietnamese anger at Khmer Rouge atrocities in the border villages.

The initial Cambodian strike shocked the Vietnamese command, particularly when some columns reached the outskirts of Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon. Realizing they had taken the incursion too lightly, the Vietnamese brought veteran units into action against the Khmer Rouge. They also used heavy artillery and aircraft left behind by the Americans in April, 1975.

The Vietnamese strategy appears to be to get the Cambodians to negotiate about the border. Diplomats here believe the Vietnamese are ready to apply enough pressure to overthrow the regime in Phnom Penh, but they rule out any attempt at a military takeover.

The Chinese-Russian cold war has also got entangled in the conflict. Moscow radio declared that worsening relations between the two countries has "obviously been provoked by Peking".

Peking, Jan 4.—Cambodian troops are now driving Vietnamese invaders out of Cambodia, a Cambodian Embassy spokesman said here today.—Reuter.

Premier's statement: Mr Pham Van Dong, the Prime Minister of Vietnam, said today that Cambodia's leaders have followed a "hostile and cruel policy" towards Vietnam from the moment of their victory in April, 1975.

In a radio interview with the Voice of Vietnam in Hanoi, he said negotiations between the two countries were the "most urgent task at the present time".

The Prime Minister said Vietnam had tried to negotiate the frontier disputes but, finally, it had to take action "completely in self-defence".—AP.

Mekong pact: Thailand, Vietnam and Laos will sign an agreement tomorrow in Vientiane, the Laotian capital, on the development of new water resources in the lower basin of the Mekong river. Cambodia is boycotting the project.

Lord Carver to meet Mr Botha in S Africa

From Nicholas Ashford
Johannesburg, Jan 4

The South African Government announced tonight that Field Marshal Lord Carver, Britain's Commissioner designate for Rhodesia, is to meet Mr R. F. Botha, the Foreign Minister, when he visits southern Africa this weekend.

The meeting, which will probably take place early next week, is being arranged at the request of the British Government.

Yesterday a Foreign Office spokesman had said there were no plans for Lord Carver to have talks with the South African Government.

Lord Carver will be visiting Mozambique on Friday, where he will be joined by Lieutenant-General Prem Chand, the United Nation's representative, and Mr Stephen Low, the United States Ambassador in Lusaka. They have been invited by the Frelimo Government to discuss military and associated matters for a transitional period in Rhodesia as outlined in the British Government's White Paper of September last year.

Lord Carver will travel to and from Mozambique via Johannesburg.

While in Mozambique Lord Carver is also expected to have talks with President Machel and Mr Robert Mugabe, joint leader of the Patriotic Front nationalist alliance.

Diplomatic sources in Maputo emphasized today that Lord Carver's visit was not directly connected with the internal settlement talks taking place in Salisbury between the Rhodesian Government and three internally-based nationalist organizations.

It will be Lord Carver's first important round of talks since Mr Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, launched his own settlement initiative, and must be seen as an attempt to revive the Anglo-American settlement plan which has been overshadowed by the recent developments in Salisbury.

South Africa is regarded by Britain and the United States as having a key role to play in persuading Mr Smith to reach a settlement with Rhodesia's black majority.

However the South Africa Government is increasingly coming to the view that the internal settlement talks have more chance of success than any plan involving the Patriotic Front.

Guinea frees 300 prisoners held after Conakry attack

Paris, Jan 4.—President Sékou Touré's Government in Guinea has freed 300 political prisoners in the past few weeks, an informed source said in Paris today. They included senior officials, former ambassadors, army officers and magistrates.

Three French citizens of Lebanese origin were freed on December 20. Like the rest of those released, they were among the many people arrested after an unsuccessful attempt to invade Conakry, the capital, last November. Mr Sékou Touré blames foreign elements and Guinean opponents for the attempt.

According to the source, the French Foreign Ministry is seeking the release of Mgr Raymond Chidimbo, the former Archbishop of Conakry, Mr Edouard Lambin and Mr Toure Sékou Sadibou, all three considered to be French citizens. It also seeks information on about a dozen detained Guinean nationals whose French wives were expelled from Guinea with their children.

International organizations have in recent months put the number of political prisoners in Guinea at 3,000. The Paris source said, however, that the figure was now not above 1,000, taking account of previous amnesties as well as executions and deaths in detention.

There have also been signs of willingness to improve relations with Senegal and Ivory Coast. President Sékou Touré in his New Year speech called on Guinean political organizations to seek closer ties with both countries.

Conakry radio announced yesterday that a delegation from the Revolutionary Union of Guinean Women would soon visit Ivory Coast and Senegal "to reestablish and reinforce friendship".—Agence France-Presse.

Foreign travel proposed for Chinese

Peking, Jan 4.—Chinese citizens should be allowed to travel abroad for family reunions, Mr Liao Cheng-chih, a member of the Chinese Communist Party Central Commitee, proposed in the *Peoples Daily* today.

It was believed to be the first time for many years that it had been suggested publicly that Chinese should be allowed to visit other countries for family reunions. There are more than 20 million overseas Chinese.

The article comes after a meeting held here last month to prepare for a national conference on overseas Chinese affairs to be held at an unspecified date.—Reuter.

Family claims £110,000 for death of Steve Biko

From Our Own Correspondent
Johannesburg, Jan 4

Claims in excess of £110,000 have been laid with General Gert Prinsloo, the South African Commissioner of Police, and Dr Schalk van der Merwe, the Minister of Health, by members of the Biko family in connexion with the death in detention last September of Steve Biko, the Black Consciousness leader.

Additional letters of demand will shortly be served on several of the security policemen who interrogated Mr Biko while he was being held in custody in Port Elizabeth as well as on two doctors who examined him before his death. These additional demands will not increase the amount being claimed.

Mrs Nontsikelelo Biko is claiming £61,000 as Mr Biko's widow and a further £32,000 as the mother of his two children. Mrs Biko, a nurse, was separated from her husband at the time he was detained. Mr Biko's mother is claiming £18,000 on the grounds of loss of support.

Among the reasons given for the claims are that Mr Biko died of a head injury which was "inflicted by one or other of the police officers in whose custody he was held" and that the security police "wilfully or negligently misled the doctors attending to Mr Biko".

The family also alleges that two district surgeons, Dr Ivor Lang and Dr Benjamin Tucker, were in breach of their duty by failing to diagnose that Mr Biko had suffered serious head injury.

If the demands are not met within a month the Biko family will institute proceedings against Mr James Kruger, the Minister of Justice and Police, and the Health Minister.

Mr Donald Woods, the former editor of the East London *Daily Dispatch*, who escaped from South Africa to Lesotho last weekend, today flew from Gaborone to Lusaka to begin the last stage of his journey to London. Mr Woods is writing a book about Mr Biko whom he knew.

The pro-Government Afrikaans press has launched a virulent campaign against Mr Woods. *Beeld* said he "must be concealing something evil from the South African public by slipping out the back way like a rascal". It called on Mr Kruger to "open the file on the man so that the general public can be enlightened as to the role that Woods played".

In brief

Hungary's crown on its way home

Washington, Jan 4.—The United States Air Force today flew Hungary's ancient Crown of St Stephen from Fort Knox to Washington, the first stage of its journey back to Budapest amid tight security.

The State Department released the names of the 25-member delegation, including Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, who will hand over the crown in ceremonies due on Friday.

One last chance

San Francisco, Jan 4.—An court here has rejected Miss Patricia Hearst's request for a hearing of her bank robbery conviction, leaving only a possible appeal to the Supreme Court to keep the newspaper heiress from returning to jail.

residential candidate

Rio de Janeiro, Jan 4.—Gen- Joao Baptista Figueiredo, zil's head of intelligence, is pected to be named tomorrow the official candidate to ceed President Ernesto sel, whose term expires in ch, 1979.

nnedy-Teng talks

king, Jan 4.—Senator ard Kennedy ended a visit with a "friendly conversa- with Mr Teng Hsiao-ping, Vice-Premier, the New a news agency reported.

anese battles flare

bbaya, Lebanon, Jan 4.— wed fighting between factions in south Lebanon reached its highest inten- n three months, Palestin- and leftist sources said

ap cut

es Salaam, Jan 4.—Resi- will soon be able to buy ant meat at bargain prices ut 15p a lb—as part of anian Government plan e meat shortages.

Ecevit Cabinet announcement expected today

From Our Correspondent
Ankara, Jan 4

The three political parties and the independent deputies who will form the new Turkish Government today published a joint statement as Mr Bulent Ecevit, the Prime Minister-designate, put the final touches to his Cabinet list, expected to be announced tomorrow.

Mr Ecevit's left-of-centre Republican People's Party, the conservative Republican Reliance and Democratic parties and the 11 independents said the main goal of their government would be to play "a unifying role" and to try to bring peace to the political scene.

They also aimed rapidly to resolve the major international issues facing Turkey and, "without discounting the importance of Turkey's membership (in Nato), develop a new concept of defence which will give priority mainly to national interests".

Chile regime expects 60 pc support in referendum

Santiago, Jan 4.—Polling in the national referendum closed tonight after Chileans had turned out in strength to vote for the first time in almost five years.

First results in the controversial referendum, held to measure the popularity of the military Government, showed 243 votes in favour of President Pinochet's Administration and 23 against in the remote Pacific archipelago of Juan Fernandez.

Sources close to the Government said they expected at least a 60 per cent vote in favour of General Pinochet, but the results are not expected until tomorrow.

General Pinochet, who seized power after the military ousted the left-wing Government of the late President Salvador Allende in 1973, called the referendum after a United Nations resolution condemned his Government for alleged violations of human rights.

Señor Raul Benavides, the Interior Minister, said last night that voting would not be compulsory as previously reported. But Chielans had a moral obligation to vote.—Reuter.

Geneva, Jan 6.—The International Commission of Jurists reported today: "Cases of torture, illegal arrests and disappearing continue in Chile, although their scale has been reduced."—UPI.

Korchnoi stops the rot with a draw

Belgrade, Jan 4.—After four consecutive losses Viktor Korchnoi stopped the rot tonight and drew the fifteenth game of his chess match against Boris Spassky. He now leads 8—7 in a contest to decide who will challenge Anatoly Karpov, the world champion.

Playing white in a variation of the Queen's Gambit in which Spassky is a specialist, Korchnoi obtained a slight advantage in the opening but was unable to press it home.

The two players shook hands on agreeing the draw. Korchnoi apologized to the organizers earlier today for losing his temper during the previous game.—AP and UPI.

rowing violence in American coal strike

Michael Leapman
ork, Jan 4

the New Year holiday spasmodic violence re- around the coalfields of ky and Alabama, with rs getting shorter over a long national coal miners' which shows no sign of Negotiations between ne owners and the United Workers (UMW) union down a few days before mas.

week there have been explosions, apparently by strikers to destroy ment in mines that are ing to operate by using non labour. A caravan belonging to a Kentucky who had continued working was damaged by a bomb, but he was not there at the time.

In addition, there have been fights at the pitheads between pickets and non-union miners in which firearms have been used. Last month, two long caravans of striking miners toured southern mines to try to close those still operating, and they had some success.

The strike began on December 6 after union leaders and the Bituminous Coal Operators' Association failed to agree on a new contract for the industry's 160,010 workers. Apart from the usual questions of pay and working hours, the chief point at issue is the operators' desire to negotiate an end to unofficial strikes which have been seriously affecting production in the last few years. They are caused partly by the unwieldy grievance mechanism adopted in the 1975 contract.

The mine owners are insisting on inserting into any new contract a clause which imposes a fine on a miner who refuses to cross picket lines during unofficial strikes. The owners maintain that, at a time when President Carter's energy programme calls for increased use of coal, the numerous unofficial strikes are making it impossible to plan production cogently.

The coal operators' association chose this moment to take a firm stand on the issue because they feel that they are in a better position to weather a strike now than they have been for some time. Coal reserves are high and production is growing in the open-cast mines in the western states, where the UMW has largely failed in its attempt to organize the workers.

Whereas in 1970 the union represented 70 per cent of miners, the figure today, largely because of the growth of western open-cast mining, is only 50 per cent. Moreover, the union leadership is torn by internal power struggles.

For the miners, the worst effect of the strike is in the reduction of health and retirement benefits. The employers' contribution to the insurance scheme is determined by the hours worked and production achieved in the mines, and is thus suspended during strikes.

Fashion

by Prudence Glynn

Poet, peasant and presents

From time to time I criticize those who teach design for not being more exposed to current practice. It is therefore a suitable New Year resolution to try to bolster up my flagging fashion adjectives.

Fresh from 10 days in the country I resolve not to use the words "ethnic", "peasant", "faux naive" so liberally in the future.

The trouble of course is that you begin to believe your own copy. When Wallis shops first showed those ravishing printed wool challis dresses with the perticoat peeping out under, and draped in a pioneer shawl, I thought, lovely, winter's answer to Laura Ashley. I therefore accoutred myself with a full smock, frilly undies, a group of warm wraps and chic suede boots from British Home Stores. The boots are a big success, but the rest of the ensemble? "Your perticoat is showing", my husband remarked judiciously as we set out for our country party. Having brought up a family on the principle that gentlemen always mention to ladies when their slip is showing (discreetly) how can I now say that it is meant to, and belt up? At any rate I did not have to work out what to wear to another event, equally in mud-laden Oxfordshire, which entailed drinks at one house, dancing at the next, and gambolling at the third.

So probably my most useful present was a book of critical essays by Virginia Woolf. If genius is only the other side of the coin from madness, then perhaps renaissance is only the flip-side of over exposure. The fact is though that there are certain writers of whom I cannot have too much, indeed I long for more even if re-reading is one of my relaxations. Mrs Woolf comes into this category, and did you know that she wrote about fashion?

Reviewing a translation by a M. Edwardes of a book called *Modes and Manners of the Nineteenth Century* for *The Times Literary Supplement* of February 24, 1910, Virginia Woolf provides a lesson for all those who try to report or recapture the essence of style. One passage only: "The effect of the (French) Revolution seems to be definite enough. Rousseau had bidden them return to nature; the revolution had left them poor; the Greeks were ancient, and therefore natural; and their dress was cheap enough for democracy. Accordingly they dressed in white cottons and calicoes without a frill or an exuberance; nature alone was to shape the lines; nature was to suffer not more than eight ounces of artificial concealment. The effect of these tapering nymphs dancing on a hilltop among slim trees is exquisite but chill."

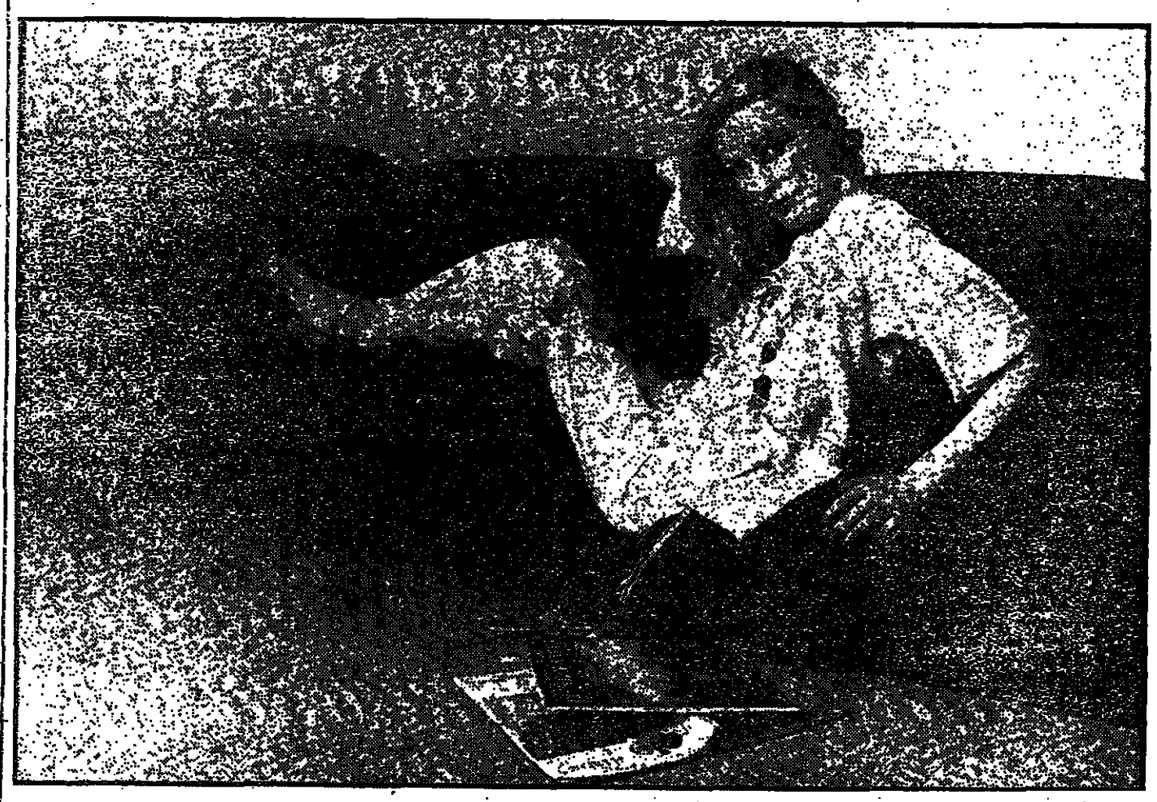
Current fashion is still dancing slimly in cottons and calicoes, but we have learned a lesson, it seems. Our cottons are quilted as for the Far East, our calicoes not chill because we wear layers and layers of them.

In design terms, the least successful present which I gave went to my cat. Readers may recall the arrival of fist-sized Felix from the PDSA to replace, no, resume, the position in our household left empty when our elderly poached-egg coloured puss was garnered to the great mousehole in the sky. Felix was supposed to be a humble, grateful scrap-eating type, coming as he did from the back of someone's junk yard, and doomed to a hideous wandering fate before the arrival on the scene of your fashion editor. Cat-lovers will not need telling that Felix is now enormous, will eat only the best, and dominates the household in precisely the way that eunuchs have done through history.

Anyway, what I gave Felix for Christmas was a charming kitsch reproduction of a Black Cat cigarette sign, enamelled on metal and acquired on my visit to France for the British Week at Au Printemps. Anxiously we had discussed its location, since Felix had shown little interest when it was revealed on Christmas morning under the tree. On the back door, next to his puss-flap, we decided, and duly screwed it into place. Five minutes later there was heard the most ominous sound, that of a cat which is very cross. The design of the Black Cat advertisements is all too good, it seems; Felix with his back arched like a hoop was pawing the face of the intruder and no amount of banging and scratching it would convince him that there was not a real threat but just a reminder of his own lovely self.

The least successful present which I gave myself was washing the net curtains from London. In my idealistic way I had assumed that in 1977 any fabric supplied and made up by a distinguished firm for the purpose of veiling large windows in the highly polluted West End would be poppable in the newest of washing machines, require no ironing, and be back, pristine, on the hooks in one hour's time. Ha, ha. One pair shrank a foot and even hours of ironing have done nothing except introduce an interesting curve in the hemline. They are also by the way not white any longer, they are now pale blonde.

The most unexpected present was to discover more about Serjeant Jagger, the sculptor of the Gunner memorial at Hyde Park Corner, the Great Western memorial on Platform One at Paddington, the Guards memorial opposite Horseguards Parade. Jagger was also responsible for the official statue of the first Marquis of Reading, Viceroy of India from 1921 until 1926. When democracy struck, it aimed at these proud reminders of the Raj. Indeed Lord Halifax's nose was nipped off by a passing stone. Rufus Daniel Isaacs was fortunate enough to marry a woman of spectacular courage, grace of spirit and practicality. So Stella, Marchioness of Reading, founder of the WRVS, Baroness Swanborough in her own right, discovering that the statues were less than elegantly placed in the new Indian world, arranged that the Jagger statue be replaced in Reading.







A selection from the spring collection of Chris Clyne, an Edinburgh designer who has only recently begun manufacturing under her own name. This spring these light silks with their designs of parrots and frogs and the shepherdess cotton voiles will be available for the first time in Harrod's Designer Room.

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NEW BOOKS

Primarily and bravely a judge

A. S. Byatt

Rebecca West: A Celebration selected from her writings. Introduction by Samuel Hynes (Macmillan, £8.50)

It was a particularly good idea to celebrate Dame Rebecca West by collecting together these 757 pages from her diverse and wide-ranging writings. As Samuel Hynes points out in his introduction, critics have not found it easy to place her since she fits into no tidy pattern of genre or theme. This anthology goes a long way towards making it easier to understand the direction of her thought, and the relationship of her chosen forms to each other. It includes fiction, early and late, the biography of St Augustine, reports of trials, literary criticism and sections from the compendious *Black Lamb and Grey Falcon*, Dame Rebecca's journey to the Balkans in search of the cultural and historical roots of the impending second European War.

At the end of this journey Dame Rebecca was interviewed in Vienna by an earnest female student. Dame Rebecca decided, with typical swift sharpness, that the student's dubious response to Twain proved "that literature was a closed territory to her and that she would never be able to read a single book". Nevertheless she lectured the girl on the incapacity of the English to understand the literature of ideas, to realize that "ideas are the symbols of relationships among real forces that make people late for breakfast, that take away their breakfast, that make them beat each other over the breakfast table . . . ." The English, Dame Rebecca concludes, bone-lazy, "wish to believe that life is lived simply by living". She herself had been early attracted to Ibsen, from whose *Rosmersholm* she chose her *nom-de-plume*, because she believed Ibsen knew that ideas were powers that changed the world: she abandoned Ibsen as she found that he cried out for ideas because he had not got any. She admires the French, whose literature is, according to her, developed by writers fully aware of the culture they inherit, and the stage in an argument at which they themselves join issue.

It is in the biography of Augustine, published in 1933 that the force of Dame Rebecca's engagement with certain ideas that shaped, and continue to shape, our world, first becomes apparent. Her central interest is in Augustine's brilliant formulation of the ideas that matter is evil: that man is guilty because enmeshed in matter: that God is angry, and that man must atone for his sensual guilt to this enraged God by suffering. She lays out with precision and rapid wit the forces of history, civil and religious, of geography in Rome and Africa, of paternity, maternity and involuntary episcopacy that made Augustine what he was and gave him the power to write as he did. She points out in brief lucid sentences the ways in which both subject matter and style of Proust, of Shakespeare, of Joyce and Lawrence are related to what Augustine made of us. She writes of her protagonist "He loved love with the hopeless infatuation of one who like King Lear, cannot love", offering the reader a new insight into saint and playwright.

Her reports of trials—of murderers or traitors or of the Nuremberg proceedings—are developments of her study of the dynamic force of human ideas about good and evil, about the ways in which an individual or a society will define or locate these forces and exert power to give a concept of life. She asks what meanings "treason" can have for us, immediately after a war, in peace, and is not afraid to provide incisive answers. *Black Lamb and Grey Falcon* opens with the descriptions of the assassinations in Southeast Europe, and with Dame Rebecca's own ferocious intellectual determination to understand these.

I had to admit that I quite simply and flatly knew nothing at all about the south-eastern corner of Europe; and since there proceeds steadily from that place a stream of events which are a source of danger to me . . . that is to say I know nothing of my own destiny.

Dame Rebecca was not and is not optimistic enough to suppose that knowledge is power: to understand south-eastern Europe was not to change it. But she quotes in this context, as elsewhere, Pascal's dictum that man is a reed but a thinking reed. "If the universe were to crush him man would still be more noble than that which killed him, because he knows that he dies and knows the advantage the universe has over him."

"In these words", says Dame Rebecca, and it is a statement of faith, "Pascal writes the sole prescription for a distinguished humanity." In the Balkans, on the reeking, blood-stinking rock where black lambs are sacrificed to propitiate an angry tyrannical God, in the epic where a grey falcon advises Tzar Lazar to lead his people to annihilation by the Turks, to barter a temporal kingdom for an eternal one, she finds the compulsion to pointless suffering which sprang from the cruelty and guilt of Paul and Augustine, and led, she believes,



Dame Rebecca West

to the flabbiness of western liberalism before Hitler and Mussolini.

It is a pity, in this context, that there was not more room in the book for more of her critical work, *The Court and the Castle* where she traces the themes of barricaded culture, and suffering through literature—though her essay on Kafka's tortuous relations with bureaucracy is here and is apposite.

Dame Rebecca has a dignity of reason and a sort of gleeful pleasure in knowledge which Nietzsche called a strong pessimism. She believes, I take it, that we are not hopelessly corrupt creatures, that we have a right and a duty as individuals, as political beings, to judge and act in accordance with our judgment. As novelist and reporter this leads her to a sureness and rapidity of summing-up of characters and acts which can leave the reader gasping or protesting. Her description of the boredom and horror of Nuremberg is masterly: her vignettes of prisoners and judges almost too clear-cut. In one report of a murder trial (Mr Setty and Mr Hume) she claims categorically that one witness was, and was clearly and obviously, "a good man". Her narration is gripping but we have in the end only her word for the goodness. The most memorable fiction in this book is the tale of an interfering woman, a natural mental sadist, murdered largely for moral reasons by her husband. Here it is the plot and the judgments, not the characterization, which grip and convince. She takes Iris Murdoch to task for claiming that "we realize we know little about good men" and states roundly:

From the time we are children we know that the people round us are good or bad. We go on making judgments through life. It is our first source of self-help and self-defence of a psychological kind. . . .

That she can say this shows, I think, why she dislikes the messy agnosticism of the English literature which believes life is lived simply by living. She is—and it is very rare in English—primarily and bravely a judge. If now and then we feel that the judgment is too ready, too acerb, too absolute, it is the source also of her capacity to give order and meaning to our experiences of history and thought, and—most pleasurably—of her wit. Consider this, of Kafka's *Letter to his Father*: "It is an early example of the painful truth that Freud gave sadists a new weapon by enabling them to disguise themselves as hurt children." Or this, of the Archduchess Sophie, mother of the Austrian Emperor: "She was the kind of woman whom men respect for no other reason than that she is lethal, whom a male committee will appoint to the post of hospital matron." It is the ferocious wit of a certain kind of real wisdom that comes from thinking and feeling and not stopping these activities in the face of anarchy and the human tendency to corrupt despair. It deserves celebrating.

Parson's progress

The Parson and the Victorian Parish
By Peter Hammond
(Hodder & Stoughton, £3.50)
Victorian Country Parsons
By Brenda Colloms
(Constable, £6.50)

If history is "a cordial for drooping spirits" there is sometimes a peculiar significance in the vintage. It is surely more than coincidence that sees the publication of two books on the Victorian parson—"the golden summer of the parson's progress".

The more sparkling wine is undoubtedly Dr Hammond's. It could indeed, be served at dinner; for not a page is without its bubbling anecdote, to illustrate how this patron—or bishop, or archdeacon—treated that parson; and how this parson managed on that income. Parsonages, church interiors, church schools, the visiting of the sick and the dying, Victorian hymns and sermons, baptisms and confirmations make a fine blend.

Charles Kingsley, we read, wrote from the Rectory at Eversley: "We have settled all the pipes. We are going to take them into the W.C. and warm it thoroughly. I believe more colds and sciatica are caught there than anywhere. I know how a cold W.C. affects me."

When E. H. Browne preached at Fen Ditton one Trinity Sunday, an old woman stopped him after to thank him for his beautiful sermon, "for", she said, quite earnestly. "I never did see so clear before how there were three Gods".

William Cecil, rector of Long Stanton, took his candidates to a confirmation at St Michael's, Cambridge, in 1830. They set out at 8 am, and reached the church at 10.30, where they sat till 3 pm, without any prospect of getting the children confirmed, in a scene of turmoil, noise, talking, laughing, crying out and struggling, with young men and women indecently crowded together and some sitting on the pew backs or standing on the pews. Cecil himself had his gown rent and his coat torn.

But it would be a mistake to treat such entertaining history lightly. It is an illuminating, sympathetic, and often poignant study of the Victorian parson, his parish and people.

Brenda Colloms' book is a study of a dozen of the most vivid of the Victorian parsons, such as Patrick Brontë, Kilvert, Sabine Baring-Gould, and Octavius Pickard-Cambridge.

I was particularly drawn to the Revd Sydney Godolphin Osborne, a hard-working parish priest, one of the great Christian Socialists—who deserved to be rescued from obscurity by Mrs Colloms. Although he rarely left his Dorset village from 1841 until 1875 he made a national name for himself by writing letters to *The Times*—on the conditions of the Dorset poor; the standards of private boarding schools: cholera, "the great scavenger of our race"; Jack the Ripper, etc. His investigations had a decisive effect on the progress of social legislation.

These two books portray some of the vast variety of men who remained men, the parsons who remained persons, whom God used a century or so ago to be the "stewards of His mysteries".

Eric James

Paperbacks reviewed on Saturday: next week, Georgina Battiscombe on a new life of Angela Burdett-Coutts, by Edna Healey.

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Facing disaster

The Critical Convoy Battles of March 1943
By Jürgen Rohwer
(Ian Allan, £5.95)

Not once but twice in our rough island-story (at least in this century) the Government and its advisers have had to face the likelihood of absolute and ineluctable disaster. Each time—not surprisingly for islanders—the reason was the state of a war at sea. In March, 1918, and even after Dunkirk, the consequences of a great defeat on land still seemed to be containable. But in April, 1917, when shipping losses were reaching 900,000 tons a month, Jellicoe privately admitted that the Germans must win unless the U-boats were checked—and that he saw no possible solution to the problem. In March, 1943, the sinister pattern was repeated.

This was the month in which the Admiralty recorded that "the Germans never came so near to disrupting communications between the New World and the Old as in the first twenty days . . . ." The Naval Staff was at its wits' end—for the device which had ultimately saved Britain in 1917, the convoy system, had been used from the start in the Second World War: yet now it seemed to be collapsing before the U-boat wolf-packs of Admiral Doenitz.

This is the point, the climax of the Battle of the Atlantic—or so it seemed at the time—that Dr Rohwer takes as the climax of his book. Rohwer is to Germany what Roskill is to Britain and Marder to the United States: the *doyen* of his country's naval historians. He experienced the war at sea on a destroyer, a blockade runner and a minesweeper. Since 1945 his life has been devoted to profound naval studies, to editing the *Marine Rundschau* and to producing his invaluable chronologies of the war at sea. An all-rounder.

His book is therefore different in character from though a welcome complement to the British literature on the Battle. We have had, for example, Admiral Sir Peter Gretton's recollections as a distinguished escort commander and Martin Middlebrook's assembly of personal testimonies. Rohwer is more academic, more dispassionate and infinitely more detailed. He has mastered the archives and interrogated the principal witnesses on both sides. The result is a massive but beautifully organized array of facts whose implications, when studied, are perhaps even more affecting than a highly charged prose.

To illuminate those 20 March days, during which U-boats sank 39 ships in four successive convoys, Dr Rohwer examines the conduct of operations from both sides and from every conceivable angle. Weapon and aircraft performance, tactics of attack and defence, convoy management and so on are defined, analysed and quantified in encyclopaedic fashion—with an impressive variety of factual appendices in support. We have here an indispensable handbook. Among myriad points of interest, one notes two dominant themes: the Germans' ability to read the Admiralty's coded instructions to the convoys and the considerable quality of British direction-finding and radar. But amid the technology the human tragedy is ever-present.

Two months later Doenitz admitted defeat, a miracle with many sources. In his appendix on the German Enigma machine-cipher and the Ultra intelligence derived from its penetration by the British—the best short technical account yet published—Dr Rohwer touches on one key factor. It was our temporary inability, early in March 1943, to break a new U-boat cipher that brought despair to the Admiralty, and Bletchley Park's astonishingly rapid re-entry into the cipher of U-boat Command that facilitated the May victory. The naval signals in the Ultra documents so far released in the new Public Record Office at Kew only run to 1942. When the 1943 series is opened, it would be agreeable if the Admiralty were to send over a destroyer or a minesweeper (since we presumably lack blockade runners) to fetch Dr Rohwer. He has written the best account of what, for the Royal and Merchant Navies, was their darkest hour before the dawn.

Ronald Lewin

Catalogue of horrors

The Musicians of Auschwitz
By Fania Fénelon
(Michael Joseph, £5.50)

Josef Kramer, the commandant of the concentration camp at Auschwitz (the grave of three million Polish Jews, and of a great number of others) loved music. He was doubtless fond of animals, and quite liked some children. But it was his love of music which saved Fania Fénelon from the gas chambers and the crematoria (which on a good day could deal with 24,000 bodies).

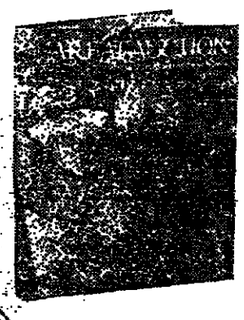
Kramer promoted the formation of a camp orchestra, for which Miss Fénelon was singer and orchestrator. Apart from arranging endless marches by Suppé, she also orchestrated Beethoven for a band consisting of accordions, guitars, mandolins, reed pipes, drums and violins. In the rancid air, the music soared, tears rolled down Kramer's cheeks, and the musicians lived with the anger of other inmates not talented enough to buy their lives with crochets and quavers.

That the book is a catalogue of horrors goes without saying. More vividly than most it brings out to the full the extraordinary effect they had on the human personality—the hatred between Polish and German Jews, the squabbles over pieces of soap, the general importance of trifles: the author feeling she could bear anything as long as she possessed a fifth-hand toothbrush.

All the characters are fascinating: Clara, the rich girl gradually degenerating until she becomes a *kapo* torturing a child to death; Lagerführerin Mandel, chief of the women's camp, capable of making a spoilt pet of a tiny Jewish child, then taking it personally to the gas chamber; the infamous beautiful Irma Grese—the *Engel*—with her riding crop; and above all Gustav Mahler's neice Alma Rosé, conductor of the orchestra. A talented violinist, Alma convinced herself that music was what mattered, striking those musicians who played wrong notes, refusing to ask for the extra rations to which they were entitled, and despite everything still a good German, proud to play for Herr Himmler on camp inspection. SS members wept unashamedly when she died, covering the body of the women they had murdered with lilies, the scent of which disguised the reek of burning bodies.

Fania Fénelon survived to sing the *Marseillaise* and *God Save the King* into the microphones of the first horrorstruck reporters to reach the camp, and made a successful career as a singer in East Germany. She waited 30 years to write her book, but eventually had to "exorcise the orchestra" without histrionics, almost without emotion. The nearest she gets to excoriating Hitler is to make a mild joke about his moustache. But of course we are now told that Hitler was guiltless of the "final solution" of which this book gives a vivid, heart-rending glimpse.

Derek Parker

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Growth industry

The Gardens of Britain. Devon and Cornwall
By Patrick M. Synge.
(Batsford, £5.50)

Visiting gardens will soon overtake fishing as Britain's favourite amateur sport. On every spring and summer day thousands of enthusiasts pour out of cars and motor coaches to see the landscapes, the cottage gardens and the rockeries that generations of skilled gardeners have made.

This growth industry has stimulated the publication of many garden guides of varying quality, and it is good news that the latest series, arranged in groups of counties, has the blessing of the Royal Horticultural Society. *The Gardens of Britain* opens with Devon and Cornwall, by Patrick M. Synge, who describes 40 gardens in the south-west with a sensitive perception of their atmosphere and impeccable botanical knowledge of their plants. He points out that in Devon and Cornwall, which includes subtropical Tresco, a wider variety of plants can be grown than anywhere else in the world; that the soil is mostly acid and peaty, so that rhododendrons and camellias, magnolias and hydrangeas rejoice; and that owing to the mild, wet climate, exotics often grow to a greater size than in their native countries.

Most of the gardens are of a woodland nature, which makes them difficult to photograph. Garden photography is most successful when there is a relationship between plants and architecture, which is where Italian gardens score heavily—façades, loggias, staircases, statues and urns set off the trees and shrubs. This raises the whole vexed question of garden illustration. Books on botany or design can be illustrated by drawings and may be large and lush, but a guide to living gardens must be realistic, good looking, handy in size and popularly priced. Most gardening writers (including myself) have tried and failed to reconcile these needs, and this new series does not look like winning the battle. The colour photographs, with one lovely exception, of the cinnamon-coloured trunks of *Myrtus luma* at Tresco, have the fatal brightness of a catalogue. The black-and-white photographs are adequate, but do not lure you to explore the glades of rhododendrons, camellias and conifers, punctuated with rare specimen trees, which no other part of the British Isles can match.

An innovation which I welcome is that six of the 40 gardens are accompanied by garden plans which would make them a joy to visit.

Anne Scott-James

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THE ARTS

Sian Phillips: looking for a berth

Spine Chiller, a new backstage thriller which opens at the Duke of York's Theatre tonight, marks Sian Phillips's debut in a whodunnit and is one of her comparatively rare London stage appearances: "There are people in certain West End box-offices who cringe whenever I come into view: for some reason my television and radio luck has been a great deal better than my stage or film luck, and there was a time when I seemed to be doing nothing but opening and closing in plays very rapidly indeed. For about five years I was forever answering first-night telegrams after we'd closed, and there seemed to be an awful lot of dying flowers around the house because I had to keep clearing out of dressing rooms in a hurry. I used to rather enjoy all the experience, and a change of theatre and play every month or two does at least keep you on your toes, but now I'm getting older I find myself looking forward hopefully to a secure berth somewhere."

Miss Phillips is in fact 43 and now separated from Peter O'Toole after a marriage that lasted very nearly twenty years: their two teenage daughters are still with him in Hampstead and she has bought herself a new house in Islington where she gardens ferociously on the few spare days that television has recently allowed her: classic serials over the past five years ranging from *How Green Was My Valley* through *I Claudius* to the forthcoming *Boadicea* have kept her in virtually constant employment, which is why she thought it was perhaps time for a return to the stage.

Sian Phillips started her professional career at the age of 11, broadcasting for the BBC in Wales: the only child of a preaching and farming family ("Wales is one long entertainment full of thwarted actors") she began doing poetry recitals and school plays with her mother, who was a teacher specializing in drama. Then, reading English at Cardiff, she discovered that her college faced Broadcasting House there: her student days were thus spent partly at lectures and partly as a duty announcer for BBC Wales, though at the same time she also managed to play roles for the newly-formed Welsh National Theatre:

"The BBC delicately nurtured me, educated me, even conditioned me, so that aspects of the Corporation's bureaucracy which other actors find maddening I find lovable and very familiar. I used to write my college essays in the studio between transmissions, and then I toured a lot for the Welsh Arts Council when they were trying to form a permanent company, but all I ever got out of that was pleurisy.

"Then, sensibly I think, they booted me out of Wales and told me to try to find a broader education somewhere else: the Arts Council people there gave me a bursary to try my luck in London, and at 21 I got a scholarship to RADA.

"There I was lucky enough to collide with such good teachers as John Fernald and Peter Barkworth and Richard Ainley, and I made a sort of student success as Hedda and Magda because there weren't many other Ibsenites around. That made me the flavour of the month, and I then got an embarrassing number of offers, all of which I botched up: I just couldn't see myself in films and so I ended up in rep at Skegness. For years after that all the good performances I gave were in reps in the Outer Hebrides, and all the really bad ones were invariably in the West End: people just couldn't believe my failure rate—they used to fall about laughing at it.

"Then I met Peter: we were cast as brother and sister in about the last of those meaningful verse dramas people used to go in for in the late Fifties: it was supposed to launch us glittering juveniles, though in fact it nearly drowned us. Soon after that Peter went off to Stratford and then *Lawrence* for nearly two years, and I started the children and did odd jobs like presenting afternoon television shows from Birmingham. It never occurred to me that I should maybe stop work altogether: instead I went on doing a whole range of work for which I was usually deeply unsuited, but there it was so I did it. *Hedda* is no great problem: it's when you're the second lead to Leslie Caron in *Ondine* that you learn what acting is all about. I really was spectacularly terrible for years.

"I did, however, then get a really good agent who taught me about television and the kind of work I should be looking for: I was never really juvenile, nor could I ever have managed to be one of those girl-next-door Ophelias who came up in the Sixties. Television got me into the middle-age range and since then I've been all right, though films still elude me. I'm the sort of actress the movie people only ring up when somebody else is suddenly ill."

What about the O'Toole marriage? "Of course I regret it being over, but these things happen and I'd already had one disastrous student marriage by the time we met. Peter and I were never a couple on stage or screen, though we did occasionally turn up in the same projects. He had to be away a lot in his work and somehow the marriage just drifted away from us. But I can't say I've minded having to set up home all over again in Islington: I've never been unduly attached to possessions, and though like all actors I worry about money and the next job, my career can't actually ever get any more difficult than it already has been."

One of the more curious aspects of that career is that although in broadcasting terms Miss Phillips is considered a "classical" actress of considerable distinction (and rightly), in the theatre both the National and post-1960 RSC have signally failed to approach her: as a result she has found herself like Claire Bloom in the unenviable position of having to carve out a classical career in the commercial theatre:

"Heaving Shaw or Ibsen or Tennessee Williams into the West End is about as easy as heaving sacks of coal around: you come in on a wing and a prayer every time, because there's no guaranteed audience the way there is for the big companies. But it's not much good trying to change your luck. I don't really have a 'career': just a series of jobs, some terrible and some highly enjoyable. Even after *I Claudius* I can't say I feel any more successful now than I did 10 years ago.

"Women in the British theatre always lead weird careers: I don't seem to belong to any generation or group, and though I'd love to do a *Cleopatra* I'm not going to wait around idly until somebody at Stratford deigns to ask for it: I'll just keep working and see what turns up."

Sheridan Morley



Sian Phillips



Photograph by Zoe Dominic

Richard Johnson and Diana Rigg

The Guardsman
Lyttelton

Irving Wardle

Anyone learning that this play concerns a husband who tests his wife's fidelity by masquerading as her lover might suppose that Ferenc Molnar (1878-1952) stole the idea from Harold Pinter. Such is the injustice of theatrical memory; and once that connexion has been made, it is hard to resist the conclusion that modern playwrights have found better ways of putting an idea across than the laborious apparatus of confidantes and retrospective exposition which lay to Molnar's hand in 1910.

The first moments of Peter Wood's production raise hopes that such drawbacks are about to be turned to splendid theatrical advantage. Up goes the curtain on the loving couple taking bows to the thunderous applause of an invisible upstage audience and falling into a violent squabble as soon as they regain their privacy with us, the actual spectators. Stage hands start striking the set, and a flat marked *Othello V* gives way to one marked *The Guardsman I*, and we retire to the stars' Budapest apartment with Diana Rigg's Ilona discovered languidly at a patently artificial rococco keyboard while some pianist elsewhere sprints through a Brahms Hungarian dance.

This flamboyant artificiality seems absolutely right for a piece that equates marriage with a theatrical performance and encumbers the partners' private lives with more stage contrivances than they would ever encounter in the roles of the Moor and Desdemona.

As far as the decor is concerned, the opening promise holds good all through the show to the final upstage curtain call. Ralph Koltai's Bakst-like designs are a miracle of flimsy magnificence, insubstantial as butterfly wings and simultaneously proclaiming the immovable solidity of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. This is the first production I have ever seen in which a scene change is carried out solely for the public's pleasure immediately before an interval; a master-stroke of direction.

There remains, however, the matter of Molnar's text, serviceably and sometimes wittily turned by Frank Marcus in a version I saw at Watford nine years ago. And a glum, pledding contrast it makes with the surrounding environment and periodic *coups de théâtre*. The first act exposition drags its slow length along like Pope's snake: and one begins to pity fine actors like Philip Stone and David Schofield for their wretched task of feeding the two principals. Madoline Thomas scores on her own behalf as the dresser promoted to the role of star's mother (leaning out of her box at the opera with a charming smile to yell "Gorilla" at one of Ilona's former admirers). But the central joke, the theatricality of the household, never takes off.

Mr Marcus's programme note likens Nandor, the masquerading husband, to Alceste and Sheridan's Falkland. I am not sure that that is true; one could equally argue that Nandor and Ilona are two of a kind. Either approach is possible; what is impossible is Richard Johnson's attempt to combine them, as this undercuts both his theatrical and actual climaxes and leaves one pining to see Donald Sinden in the role. Diana Rigg, whenever she gets a rest from Chopin waltzes, finds a discreet blend of fun and mystery for Ilona; a pampered Siamese cat, attracting and repulsing her menfolk with delicately practised signals, and revealing the absurdity of the sex goddess mannerisms in the very act of demonstrating their power. The performance is a dreamy, passive counterpart to her Célimène; but a performance does not make a partnership.

Siobhán McKenna as Bernhardt

Quest Productions will present Siobhán McKenna, as Sarah Bernhardt, and Niall Buggy in *Memoir*, a new play by John Murrell which will open at the Ambassadors Theatre on January 11. The play, which will be directed by William Chappell, was staged at the Olympia Theatre, Dublin, last November. It had been chosen as the first dramatic production to be included in the Canadian music festival, the Guelph Spring Festival, in May last year.

The scene is Belle Ile en Mer, Sarah Bernhardt's island holiday retreat off the coast of Brittany, and the time is 1922, when the actress is in the midst of chaotic efforts to complete her autobiography. Her only companion, on stage as least, is Georges Pitou, her secretary, who soon finds himself having to act out the roles of everyone she knew.

The Egg
St. Mary's Nottingham

Paul Griffiths

The great, grey, decorated church of St Mary, Nottingham, was the scene on Tuesday night of the first productions by Nottingham Music Theatre, a company of professionals and others aspiring to that status. Showing as much enterprise as ambition, they had captured for this debut performance the British premiere of Gian Carlo Menotti's *The Egg*, which was composed for Washington Cathedral in 1976.

Menotti describes *The Egg* as "an operatic riddle", though perhaps the word "parable" would be more appropriate. Like Britten's dramatic works for church performance, it is a one-act piece for several singers with a small, brightly coloured instrumental ensemble, a piece well adapted to the confines of an ecclesiastical building. It is not, however, anything like so well integrated, and for that the eclectic musical style is less to blame than the uncertainty of aim. *The Egg* is part moral fable, part fairy story and part vulgar entertainment, caught between church and comedy show.

Its story is straightforward enough. Manuel, nephew of St Simeon Stylites, receives from his uncle an egg which contains the meaning of life. He finds himself unable to open it, and so, too, do the Byzantine empress and members of her court, each representing one of the seven deadly sins. Finally Manuel gives the egg to a beggar woman, who simply cracks it open to feed her starving child, thus proving that the meaning of life is in charity.

As Manuel, Peter Savidge provided a good straight performance to serve as stable centre for the gyrations of the other characters. Outstanding among these were Fiona Dobie, hissing and spitting as the empress, Graham Trew as her lustful favourite, and Malcolm Smith, a lyrical counter-tenor who was unfairly given the part of chief eunuch. Isobel D'Arcy gave the piece a smooth, natural production, and Nicky Nottidge matched its tone exactly by dressing the singers in a cross between medieval garb and what might turn out to be the beachwear of the 1980s.

The programme was completed by two brand-new pieces, *Dream of Prospero*, by Ashley Parnell, and *The Shulamite Woman*, by Graham Belchere, the evening's conductor. Parnell had a nice central image in the old magician surrounded by a quarter of down-and-out instrumentalists, but both works took too long to say too little. The triple bill is repeated in Derby Cathedral tomorrow and on Saturday.

A funny sort of family

Scully's New Year's Eve
BBC 1

Stanley Reynolds

Alan Bleasdale's lunatic, disordered, vulgar, bad taste, and side-splittingly funny comedy about a New Year's Eve party in a stage Irish Liverpool family was perhaps the best argument television may ever present for the nuclear family. Well, that is not true. Not true at all. The play was a weird sort of celebration of family life.

Mr Bleasdale's *Scully's New Year's Eve* in BBC1's Play for Today series on Tuesday certainly made family life look mighty miserable at times; at other times it went even further than misery. A senile grandmother nodded, wordless in a corner; a crippled youth leered lasciviously from a wheelchair, gazing at a chromo painting on the wall of a large bosomed woman; a man dropped dead of a heart attack at the stroke of the new year just as Scully's wayward, drunken dad knocked on the door making an unexpected call, and much more of the same.

Mr Bleasdale has not won a name as a writer of black comedy. He concentrates too much on ordinary details of life. He will stretch reality here and there for a quick joke. He never, however, attempts universal messages. He fears, I think, that he might be considered pretentious. Anyway, he is quite right in keeping his comedy standing flat-footed on firm ground. He is always real, down to earth, and because his material is Liverpool working class life he is earthy and vulgar in the best sense of common.

Nevertheless, while breaking none of his own rules, Alan Bleasdale rose to some grand universal black comedy on Tuesday.

Scully is a long-time creation of Mr Bleasdale's. He has appeared in two novels, a Christmas pantomime, in newspaper columns, and on a local radio series, played by Mr Bleasdale himself. In each case the character of Scully is different. He is an impish chameleon-like creature, a commentator upon the scenes he sees, able to take on the colouration of the dramatic situation. Andrew Schofield's Scully was perfectly suited to Tuesday's play, as was Avis Bunnage as his mother. Ray Kingsley as Mooe, Scully's gormless sidekick was brilliant, damned near Shakespearian in his black innocence. Altogether it was a splendid cast. Too bad the play could not have been presented on New Year's Eve

Camerata Lysy Gstaad
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Stanley Sadie

The Camerata Lysy devoted the third of their five concerts to concertos by Vivaldi. In choosing to do so, they invite comparison—more so than they do in first-rate music like Bach or Mozart—with, on the one hand, the high-powered (and mainly Italian) chamber orchestras of the last decade or two, and, on the other, with the new generation who are trying to bring something more like a period style to music of lesser stature.

On the first count, they do not much suffer. Their ensemble is firm and secure, and they do not make a fetish of it. They play directly and sincerely. The sound is full without being over-sensuous. What perhaps is missing is a style they can call their own. In that some styles are not worth the having, such a vice may be a virtue; and yet a want of personality in this sense also seems to hint at a want of definite feelings about the music. By electing to play mainly slight, major-key works (Vivaldi is almost always at his best in the minor) they may not have given themselves much chance.

As to period style, they are some distance away, and possibly not much concerned over that. Yet they might do better to think, for example, about cultivating a wider variety of bow-strokes, especially lighter ones; about adding a little ornamentation at the most obvious hiatuses; about less Romantic an approach to dynamic shading; about inviting the harpsichord to the centre of the ensemble.

The best item on Tuesday was the D minor concerto, Op. 3, No. 11, done with plenty of energy in the toccata-like figuration of the outer movements and in the fine fugue. Mr Lysy played the Largo with some delicacy and warmth of feeling, and was soloist again in the D major, Op. 3, No. 9, producing nicely sprung rhythms in the first movement. A little orchestra concerto in A was done with wit and athleticism, especially in the lively dialogues. Jeanne Dolmetsch played, on a chirrupy sopranino recorder, a concerto that evidently made heavy technical demands; and James Tyler played a mandolin concerto, showing his musicianship in his shapely phrasing and his ornamentation of the (very dull) Largo but hardly showing the command of this instrument that he has of others or that the passage-work requires.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

SPORT

Cricket

The diminutive Qadir cuts England quickly down to size

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Hyderabad, Jan 3

With the best bowling figures ever returned by a Pakistani against England, Abdul Qadir reduced England from 123 for two to 191 all out in the second Test match here today. At close of play Pakistan, in their second innings, were 55 for one, leaving them leading by 139 runs with two playing days to go. Tomorrow is a rest day.

Although it was a pity England had to be the victims it was a joy to see a young leg-spin bowler—Qadir is only 21—having a field day. He bowled beautifully, operating mostly from round the wicket and aiming at the rough made by Willis in his follow through. Qadir measures 5ft 5in; taller but not by much than "Tich" Freeman. He has a well disguised googly, is a genuine spinner of the ball and gives very little away. In 24 overs he bowled no more than four or five downright loose balls.

It was Qadir's decision to bowl from round the wicket, advocated overnight by one or two old hands, that put England in a spin. If England's batsmen view the pitch with the same suspicion in their second innings as they did today they will more than likely lose. They are too, of course, due to Messrs Greig and Packer, as vulnerable a batting side as England have fielded for a long time. The fact remains, though, that Qadir did present considerable problems and would, in all certainty, have done so against better players.

Fazal Mahmood's six for 46 at the Oval in 1954 when Pakistan gained their first and only victory over England, were the figures which Qadir surpassed today. Fazal would have been here to watch had he not left last night on his way to Rawalpindi to assist in the chief martial law administrator's enquiry into the running of Pakistan cricket. Qadir's success today made Bari's reluctance yesterday to attack with spin rather than defend with medium pace no easier to justify.

The remarkable difference between the striking rate of Pakistan's bowlers today and England's was the difference on this dusting pitch between good wrist spin and competent finger spin. By tea Muddassar and Sadiq had scored 28 in 70 minutes, to add, as they did, only 27 in another 90 minutes after tea was no way to back up Qadir's splendid bowling. Cope and Edmonds kept a tidy length. For England it was a containing operation successfully conducted. Pakistan's senior player, Sadiq, had made 22 in 34 overs when he was caught at short leg in the day's last over. It is to their junior ones that Pakistan will be looking to win the match.

The trouble began for England when Boycott was run out in the fifth over of the day. Boycott played Qasim, the slow left arm spinner, to Liaquat Ali at short fine leg, 35 yards from the bat. Both batsmen made as if to run before a frantic cry was to be heard from Randall sending Boycott back, Boycott, too far committed by then, failed to remake his ground.

For encouraging Boycott to think that he was coming (and there was a run there had it been unhesitatingly taken) Randall, whose call it was, was partly to blame. Boycott, to judge by the look he gave his partner, certainly thought so; but everything, including his record in these matters, points to Boycott being a disconcerting man to run with, for a cricketer of such vast experience he is involved in a horrible number of run-outs.

In the next hour the fallibility of England's batting was fully exposed. They made no sort of a fist of playing Qadir, Randall, driving, was very well caught and bowled by Qadir, throwing himself forward for a low ball. The umpires, in consultation, took as long to decide whether the catch had carried as if it had been a recount at Billericay. Roope went next, in a similar way but to a more clear-cut catch.

For Taylor, Qadir found the perfect leg break, first ball, which left Edmonds to stop a hat trick. After one straight drive for four, though, Edmonds was caught at the wicket, playing half back at another leg break. Miller was out at the other end, caught at the wicket, playing half back at ler himself seemed not to think so. When Lever was bowled by a googly England had lost seven wickets this morning in 85 minutes for 34 runs, before a crowd of no more than 5,000.

For the last wicket Cope and Willis survived for 65 minutes while adding 34 welcome runs. Not until Wasim Bari, who seems obsessed with the idea of bowling, Qasim, took him off and brought on Wasim Raja did England's last wicket fall, Cope being caught low down in the leg trap.

Willis had kept up his end by lunging forward as far as he could reach; Cope, with a reputation as a sticker, has a more versatile defensive technique. But for sheer boorishness, Cope's display when he was given out, whether or not he was provoked, could hardly have been worse. Most of the way in he was in a tantrum and the oranges that were thrown at him were no more than he deserved. When bowling, too, he behaves as though he is frequently being wronged.

PAKISTAN: First Innings, 275 (Haroon Rashid 108, Javed Miandad 58 not out).

Second Innings

Mudassar Nazar, not out	..	32
Sadiq Mohammad, c Edmonds, b Cope	..	22
Extra (l-b 1)	..	1
Total (1 wkt)	..	55

FALL OF WICKET: 1—55.
BOWLING: Willis, 6—0—15—0; Lever, 3—1—6—0; Edmonds, 13—5—20—0; Cope, 11.2—5—9—1; Miller, 1—0—6—0.

Shafiqu Ahmed, Haroon Rashid, Javed Miandad, Wasim Raja, Abdul Qadir, * Wasim Bari, Iqbal Qasim, Liaquat Ali, Sikander, Bakht to bat.

ENGLAND: First Innings

G. Boycott, run out	..	79
J. M. Brearley, c Wasim Bari, b Qasim	..	17
B. C. Rose, b Qadir	..	27
D. W. Randall, c and b Qadir	..	7
C. S. Roope, c and b Qadir	..	1
G. Miller, c Wasim Bari, b Qasim	..	5
R. W. Taylor, b Qadir	..	0
P. Edmonds, c Wasim Bari, b Qadir	..	4
G. A. Cope, c Sadiq, b Wasim Raja	..	22
J. K. Lever, b Qadir	..	4
R. G. D. Willis, not out	..	8
Extras (b 10, l-b 6, w 1)	..	17
Total	..	191

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—40, 2—123, 3—127, 4—129, 5—142, 6—142, 7—146, 8—152, 9—157, 10—191.
BOWLING: Sikander, 16—4—35—0; Liaquat, 6—2—18—0; Qasim, 34—11—56—2; Miandad, 5—0—21—0; Qadir, 24—5—44—6; Wasim Raja, 1.6—0—2—1.



The Indian team celebrate their first Test victory in Australia.

India make history in 39 minutes

Melbourne, Jan 4.—India needed only 39 minutes to win their first ever cricket Test in Australia, when Bishen Bedi, their captain, took the wickets of Jeffrey Thomson and Wayne Clark here today. Australia began the fifth and final day of the third Test with only two wickets left, and needing a miracle to save them. Bedi gleefully accepted a return catch off Thomson, and sealed India's historic victory when he had Clark caught by Karsen Ghavri.

Australia, 123 for eight overnight, were all out for 164, leaving India winners by 222 runs. Australia now lead 2—1 in the five-Test series with the fourth Test beginning at Sydney on Saturday. Some 4,000 spectators, admitted free for the closing stages, raced on to the pitch to congratulate the jubilant Indians, and loudly applauded when Bhagwat Chandrasekhar was anounced man-of-the-match. His figures were 12 for 104.

Chandrasekhar, who in the two previous Tests had been in disappointing form, was back to his best in this contest. Bedi said later that he hoped his side would square the series at Sydney. "If we can draw level the fifth and final Test at Adelaide will be a real thriller", Bedi said. He added that he had been particularly delighted with Sunil Gavaskar's century in India's second innings, the Indian opener's 13th Test hundred.

The Indian team manager, Polly Umrigar, admitted he had a sleepless night. "I was up twice just to make sure it had not started to rain", he said.

Australia's captain Bobby Simpson said he had been disappointed with his team's batting, but thought they would bounce back to win the series at Sydney.

INDIA: First Innings, 256 (M. Amarnath 72, G. R. Viswanath 39; W. Clark 4 for 73).

Second Innings, 343 (S. M. Gavaskar 118).

AUSTRALIA: First Innings, 213 (R. B. Simpson 85; B. Chandrasekhar 6 for 52).

Second Innings

G. Cosier, b Chandrasekhar	..	34
J. Dyson, l-b-w, b Bedi	..	12
D. Ogilvie, c Chauhan, b Bedi	..	0
C. Serjeant, b Chandrasekhar	..	17
K. Simpson, l-b-w, b Chandrasekhar	..	4
P. Toohey, c Chauhan, b Chandrasekhar	..	14
A. Mann, c Gavaskar, b Chandrasekhar	..	18
S. Rixon, c and b Chandrasekhar	..	30
W. Clarke, c Ghavri, b Bedi	..	32
J. Thomson, c and b Bedi	..	1
S. Gannon, not out	..	1
Extras (l-b 4, b 6)	..	10
Total	..	164

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—12, 2—42, 3—52, 4—60, 5—71, 6—98, 7—113, 8—129, 9—151, 10—164.
BOWLING: K. Ghavri, 4—0—29—0; M. Amarnath, 3—0—20—0; E. Prasanna, 8—5—5—0; B. Bedi, 15.1—5—58—4; B. Chandrasekhar, 20—5—52—6.—Reuter.

Amiss and Knott help the World XI to recover

Shepparton, Australia, Jan 4.—Dennis Amiss and Alan Knott, of England, saved a World XI from complete collapse on the opening day of their two-day world series cricket match against an Australian XI here today. Amiss was top scorer with 60 and shared in a face-saving sixth wicket partnership of 69 with Knott, who made 46.

Malone, Gilmour and McKenzie had the World XI struggling at 65 for five, but Knott and Amiss both played soundly to help to retrieve the situation. Imran Khan with 42 and Procter with 30 extended the recovery, with the World XI reaching 234. Malone was the pick of the Australian bowlers, taking four for 46.

When the Australians replied they quickly lost Trevor Chappell, brother of Ian and Greg, for one when he snicked Imran to Knott. The Australians were three for one at the close.

SCORES: World XI, 234 (D. Amiss 60, A. Knott 46, Imran Khan 42; M. Malone 4 for 64); Australian XI, 3 for 1.—Reuter.

Derbyshire appoint a new chairman

Mr Frank Burton, a retired company director, has been appointed chairman of Derbyshire County Cricket Club.

Mr Burton, who was chairman of the supporters' association from 1968 to 1977, has been a member of the general committee for five years.

He succeeds the millionaire businessman, Mr George Hughes, who resigned recently after claiming "interference" from the general committee in his plans for the club.

JAIPUR: Schoolboys three-day match: North Zone, 314; England, 388 (D. Pringle 122 not out).

Football

Chelsea worried by their injuries and Wealdstone by their form

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

Football clubs large and small face similar problems over injuries in this week before the third round of the FA Cup on Saturday. The rich, with their expensive treatment rooms, have the advantage but, to judge by reports from Liverpool to Wigan, they also have more to worry about.

Chelsea, for instance, have four players in doubt for their attractive home tie with Liverpool at Stamford Bridge. Yesterday they were satisfied that Walker had recovered from a bruised foot but Harris, Droy and the Wilkins brothers, Graham and Ray, were still having treatment.

The captain, Ray Wilkins, has missed three matches because of a groin strain. His brother has a bruised back, but Chelsea have been encouraged this week to know that Hay and Locke are nearing complete fitness after long periods out of action.

Manchester United, now miles from the bottom of the first division, have special reasons for hoping that the FA Cup will salvage some rewards in an otherwise disappointing season. They are the holders but recent form has suggested that their tie at Carlisle will be difficult for them.

In all probability they will recall Pearson, their centre forward, who has recovered from an ankle injury and, indeed, played in the reserves last Saturday, much to his annoyance. Ritchie, a 17-year-old, took his place but is unlikely to keep it for a cup match of such importance to United's morale.

An unusual outburst from the chairman of one of the little clubs involved in Saturday's matches was heard from David Mardle, of Wealdstone, who play at Queen's Park Rangers. He complained: "Our form in recent weeks has been a disaster. We went a record 15 games without defeat before we got involved in the Cup and now the team only seems to play as a team in the FA Cup. Other times they are just playing for themselves.

"In their search for FA Cup glory, the players are letting the club down. At our best, we could easily earn at least a replay with Rangers but on our recent form our chances are nil." Wealdstone knocked out Hereford and then lost three league games, beat Reading and then lost fi and drew one, being knocked o of the FA Trophy, the Southe League Cup and the Middles Senior Cup.

There are no such worries i Enfield, who play Blyth Sparta They have played 35 successi matches without defeat, a cl record, and their support has creased to the extent that th have booked a special train to north on Saturday and they n fill another. Meantime, Blyth ha an unbeaten run of 20 gan behind them.

Both Scarborough, away Brighton, and Tilbury, who p at Stoke, are struggling w several injuries. One of the bury forwards, Smith, has gi up a week's work to have tr ment for a swollen ankle, at Scarborough three player Dongue, Dunn and Smith—considered doubtful.

Arsenal will almost certainly able to include Stapleton in th forward line against Sheff United at Bramall Lane. Sta ton missed Monday's first divis match against Ipswich Town cause of an ankle injury, but is confident that he will be by Saturday.

Clough's first England job may clash with club work

Brian Clough may be forced to delay his first appearance as England youth manager. He was due to take charge for the Uefa Youth Cup match against France at Crystal Palace on February 8 but his commitments with Nottingham Forest are likely to intervene. If Forest beat Bury in the League Cup in a fortnight's time then they will be involved in a semi-final in the same week as the youth international.

Mr Clough, jointly in charge of the England youngsters with Ken Burton, a full-time FA employee, will, in that case, have to wait until March 1 and the return tie in France before beginning his international managerial career.

The Forest chairman, Brian Appleby, has made it clear that the England job will not be allowed to interfere with club commitments. "That was understood by the FA when they offered him the post", he said yesterday.

Ron Greenwood will call his entire administrative team together before the end of the month to plan the future of English international football. Mr Greenwood, who started a 10-day holiday yesterday, knows time is short. The full England side, and the newly revived B team, are in action next month in West Germany and the Under 21 team resume their quest for the Uefa Trophy against Italy on March 8.

Resplendent young lions greet Clough with a roar

By Stuart Jones

FA Youth XI 3 AFA Schools XI 0

Brian Clough would have been impressed with his new team yesterday. The England youth players, who grew in stature overnight with his appointment as joint manager, displayed a confidence that had been lacking when they drew with the Public Schools before Christmas.

The peace reigning over Ealing was broken at 2.15 with the roar of a lion as the young professionals, resplendent in full England outfits, kicked off. The schoolboys reeled under the ensuing onslaught and threatened to submit with the timidity of a mouse.

Allen, Cliss and King all stung Maughan's hands early on and it seemed only a matter of time before he would be beaten. It took 45 minutes. Allen's chip caught the schoolboys' defence in disarray and Cliss was left free to score.

Fortunately for the AFA, their only position of authority was in the heart of their defence. There, Chisholm and Orlelly fought in vain to stem the oncoming tide. But, after the interval, Chisholm was moved up into midfield and Campbell was moved back in his place.

The Barclays Bank ground seemed to grow wider and wider as the youths sent Day, Dibble and even Maney, from centre half, down the flanks. Indeed, Maney's determined run produced the second goal. His cross was met at the far post by Day, whose header was deflected back to Allen, standing almost on the line.

The third soon followed, Dibble, who recently became the youngest to appear in Millwall's first team, set off on a long, raking run. Leaving four red-shirted defenders in his wake, he squared the ball to Allen, again standing only feet from the line.

For the last 15 minutes, the schoolboys, flushed with enthusiasm—or perhaps desperation—pressed forward. But their cause was lost and they succeeded only in peppering the hockey pitch behind Foyster's goal with wayward, long-range efforts. But at least the mouse did not die quietly.

Kenneth Burton, Mr Clough's partner, who has taken England's youngsters to success in the little World Cup and the Atlantico Cup in the past three years, said the new arrangement would make little difference to him. He spends every weekday, except Friday, watching youth matches in his search for new talent and intends to go on doing so.

"It will be good to work with Brian and Peter Taylor and certainly they will bring much needed publicity to the youth scene", he said. "But I don't think my habits will change. If you want to find the best youngsters, you have to spend day after day in cold, wet open spaces looking for the rough diamonds. It is the only way and I believe it has proved successful."

Hoddle, Curbishley, Wilkins, Barnes, Owen and Statham have passed through his hands recently and have all gone on to greater things. The names to watch in the future, he says, are Secole, of Oxford United, Gale, of Fulham, Hilaire, of Crystal Palace, and Woods, who has the additional advantage of being on Nottingham Forest's books.

FA YOUTH: A. E. Knight (Portsmouth, sub, S. R. Forster, Oxford United); R. J. Wilson (Fulham), T. J. R. Mason (Fulham), T. V. Maney (Queen's Park Rangers), T. J. Canavan (Ipswich Town), J. Ball (Southend United), B. P. King (Ipswich Town), C. Dibble (Millwall), C. D. Allen (Queen's Park Rangers), T. Cliss (Peterborough), D. C. Johnson (Southend, sub, C. A. Day, Fulham).

AFA SCHOOLS: D. Maughan (Dane Court, sub, T. Vega, Imbrohorne); K. Bird (Kirkley), V. Reid (Ashford), G. Orlelly (Lanton Bush), N. Campbell (Roan), G. Waddock (Alperton, sub, M. Howell, Holland Park), G. Griffiths (Ealing Green), C. Chisholm (Burlington Danes), B. Ford (Rove), D. Roon (Hastings, sub, S. Inskip, Boswells), S. Bloomfield (Orwell).

Referee: J. Reuben (AFA).



Jordan: no new contract

Leeds place Jordan on transfer list

By Norman Fox

Leeds United may yet sell Scottish international for Jordan, who was expected t Ajax, of Amsterdam, last but could not agree terms the Dutch club. Yesterday again failed to persuade h sign a new contract and so p him on the transfer list.

Jordan, who has scored six this season and is consider be one of the most effectiv wards in Europe, will pro fetch at least the £350,000 Leeds had agreed with Ajax. reduces the number of prosp purchasers to a handful in Br including Manchester United, have dropped into the lower of the first division table.

Jordan, who is 26, talked the Leeds chairman, Manny sins, yesterday but did not an agreement on a new con The old one expired in Jun last year. The directors de that they had no choice b place Jordan on the transfer However, the manager, J Armfield, has never wante release the player.

Last night Mr Armfield "I am not making any com about the transfer listing. not allowed to. This is a m for the directors and you can between the lines."

Smith's decisio to stay is bad news for Albio

The Blackburn Rovers ma Jim Smith, has signed a contract which will keep h Blackburn until June 30, 1

This was revealed yesterd the Rovers chairman, Mr W Bancroft, "to end specu which has linked Mr Smith West Bromwich Albion."

Mr Bancroft said: "I pleased to announce tha Smith does not intend to hi scontract with us in orc join West Bromwich."

In recent years Blackburn lost two managers to first sion clubs, Ken Furphy, n the United States, to Sh United and Gordon Lee, nov Everton, to Newcastle Unite

Rugby Union

Counties sag in face of Australians' confidence

By Richard Streeton
Southern Counties 4

Australians 37

Another fluent exhibition of handling and running skills brought the 19 group Australian touring team the tenth consecutive win of their British tour at the Oxford Club ground yesterday. Southern Counties tackled and covered with efficiency and commitment for the first 50 minutes before they sagged and conceded five late tries. The Australians, who led 13—4 at half time, won by three goals, a penalty goal and four tries against a try.

All through the Australians played with the confidence and thrust which stems from success. They ran the ball at every opportunity, spurned caution and reaped the benefits of well-organized support play. This was not their strongest side and their physical advantages were not as marked as has been the case in some of their matches.

Southern Counties worked surprisingly well together when it is remembered that they only met for the first time before the start. Their backs did not always draw an opponent before passing, which often allowed the Australians to regroup in defence, and they tended to overdo the kick ahead when well placed. But they persevered in difficult circumstances and it was only in the later stages that the Australians achieved clear cut dominance.

Roche, short and stocky by the standards of many flank forwards, had a fine march for the Australians. He always ran purposefully in the loose and tackled ferociously. Melrose at the back of the lineout and D'Arcy in the mauls were always prominent and Ella and Lester at half back directed the tactics with imagination. Tuck and O'Connor were elusive runners among the backs and Hawker judged his entries into the line consistently well.

The Southern Counties front row worked hard and Butcher, a huge lock, was always where the fray was thickest.

From the start the Australian pack drove forward with power but once the Southern Counties settled down there was no regular discrepancy in this area. The Australians scored their first try through Hawker from a lineout after 11 minutes. Ella first worked a dummy scissors with Lewis and then gave the full back a reverse pass inside him. O'Connor converted.

Ten minutes later came the Southern Counties try. A rare handling error by the Australians saw the ball pounced upon quickly, moved briskly out to the left and Hobson ran 40 yards to score in a corner. A solo burst from O'Connor brought the Australians' second try after good approach work from Lewis and before the interval Nightingale kicked a penalty given for barging in the lineout.

Southern Counties applied considerable pressure for the first 10 minutes of the second half before the Australians slowly wrestled back control. O'Connor was the central figure in a movement completed by Hawker, scoring on the overlap. Then the Australians claimed three more tries in five minutes.

A swarming attack involving seven players gave O'Connor the first and then Tuck scored two with some decisive running. Williams scored the last Australian try near the end and O'Connor and Nightingale kicked conversions in the second half. Southern Counties had to bring on substitutes towards the end for Hobson (injured ankle) and Turner (hamstring) and in the final minute they lost Jellings with suspected concussion.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES: M. Pyrgos (Haileybury School, Crawley and Sussex); D. Trick (Brynmoor School and Dorset and Wilts); J. Turner (Bazet-wick School, Crawley and Sussex) (sub, J. Allen, King James's College, Henley and Oxfordshire); T. Jellings (Haywards Heath College and Sussex); D. Hobson (Stonehem School, Reading and Berkshire; sub, N. Whitehead, Havant School and Hampshire); M. Perry (Canford School and Dorset and Wilts); N. Parker (Colfyers School, Horsham and Sussex); G. Marsh, Queen Elizabeth School, Barnet and Hertfordshire); B. Kenny (Sherborne School and Dorset and Wilts); D. Thrale (St Albans School and Hertfordshire); T. Papadopoulou (Queen Elizabeth School, Barnet and Hertfordshire); C. Butcher (St Peter's School, Bournemouth and Hampshire); R. Bolger (Aylesbury GS and Buckinghamshire); D. Roxborough (Wellington College and Berkshire); R. Tozer (Bryanston School and Dorset and Wilts).

AUSTRALIANS: M. Hawker; P. Tuck, M. O'Connor, W. Lewis, M. Williams; M. Ella, D. Lester; A. D'Arcy, A. Ryan, R. Leslie, G. Gazzard, W. Melrose, C. Reed, C. Roch, S. Nightingale.

Referee: D. Swadling (Devon).

Boxing

Conteh to box Cassidy at Sobell Centre

John Conteh, who hopes to box for the world light-heavyweight title in London in the spring, gets some much-needed professional exercise at the Sobell Centre, Islington, on February 7. He meets an Irish-American Bob Cassidy, over 10 rounds at 12st 12lb, 5lb above the limit.

It will be Conteh's first contest since his successful world title defence against Alen Hutchins in Liverpool last March, whe he won in three rounds. On Saturday, he goes to Milan to watch the match for the world title between Miguel Cuello, of Argentina, and Yugoslavia's 1972 Olympic champion, Mate Parlov.

Conteh is due to meet the winner and claims that agreement has already been reached with both sides for the bout to go on in London between the end of March and the middle of May, "depending on how hard the fight is on Saturday—and who wins it".

Conteh, who was stripped of his title by the World Boxing Council last summer after failing to go through with a match with Cuello in Monte Carlo, seems to have softened his attitude towards boxing abroad. He stressed yesterday that the world title contest would eventually take place, wherever he could earn the most money.

Nash tries again to fill a small vacancy

The match for the vacant British lightweight boxing title between Charlie Nash, of Londonderry, and Johnny Claydon, of West Ham, takes place in Nash's home town at the Templemore Complex on February 28. Jack Solomons, also Nash's manager, will promote the contest, having made the biggest purse offer.

It is the second time he has tried to give Nash a title chance in Londonderry.

Golf

Kind weather conducive to large field in Putter

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

A record entry for the President's Putter, already announced, has been followed by fewer scratchings than for the past 25 years, so that for the first time in its 58 years' history the field exceeds 100.

The Putter is a tournament of infinite resource and sagacity when it comes to outwitting the weather but this is the first time that they have had to manoeuvre because of the size of the entry. The number of withdrawals is a barometer of the weather—the highest number, 21, coming in 1963 when Rye was under 6ft of snow and Littlestone along the coast came to the rescue—and this year the weather in the approach to the event has been kind.

A violent wind blew two days ago but yesterday was calm again with the course in fine condition having perhaps more speed in the greens than in recent years. Rabbits have been returning in unwelcome numbers to the course, but their scrapes will taken lightly by a company that has in past years overcome snow, frost and casual water.

Clear weather will be needed today if the full programme is to be completed, even at the generally smart pace at which these matches are played. The entry is more like 130 and this meant that two matches had to be played yesterday for the first time. One of the four involved was I. Hargreave, a veteran and infrequent competitor, who played M. Anderson, one of ten former winners in the field.

It is the younger players who are giving the event most support these days, a revival which can be traced to the Jubilee dinner of a few years ago. No fewer than 26 competitors this year played for either Oxford or Cambridge in the past three years, an extremely high proportion of those eligible. It is natural to look to this age group for the winner this year rather than to the perhaps superior but dwindling talent of earlier years. However, the way Alan Holmes played last year in winning for the second time left no doubt of his ability to defend his title this week. If this preliminary offering appears more sharply statistical than usual, I should give credit to two members of the Oxford & Cambridge Golfing Society, J. H. Gillum and J. N. Littlewood who, purely from a sense of history and figures, have taken the trouble to produce up-to-date records of the event.

Athletics

New Board secretary

The British Amateur Athletic Board will name their first full time Secretary in London today.

Michael Ralph, a 39-year-old Yorkshire, former British international and Olympic triple jumper and currently director of physical education at the University of Warwick, is on a short list of eight contenders for the post, which has a £8,500 starting salary.

Others on the list are Michael Farrell, former honorary secretary of the Midlands AAA, and Ewan Murray, Scottish cross country and AAA secretary.

Ralph was educated at Oxford University, where he gained a double Blue in athletics and soccer. As an athlete, he won the English schools' triple jump title in 1961 and a year later gained the first of many international places. He competed in the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games, but failed to reach the final.

Motor racing

Cheever becomes the youngest driver

By John Blunsden

Eddie Cheever, American-born and Italian-domiciled, will become the youngest active grand prix driver on January 15 when he makes his appearance at the wheel of the works Theodore-Ford, operated by a Hongkong entrepreneur, Teddy Yip.

Cheever, who was runner-up in the European formula two championship last year and will be 20 years of age next Tuesday, became the choice of the team manager, Sid Taylor, at the weekend when it was discovered that Jean-Pierre Jarier, who had been earmarked for the new Theodore, had signed another contract for the German ATS team for whom he drove last season.

For the time being Cheever has been engaged by the Woking-based Theodore team for the first two of this year's grands prix, in Argentina and Brazil, but if he settles in well there is little doubt that a longer-term contract will be negotiated. During the height of the driver-transfer period last autumn Cheever was one of the names mentioned as a possible successor to Niki Lauda in the Ferrari team.

Even now the game of musical cockpits during this most bewildering of between-season periods is not over. One of the latest surprises is that Clay Regazzoni, who seemed a certainty to stay with Morris Nunn's Ensign team, has been lured away to join Shadow, part of the bait almost certainly having been the promise of an Indianapolis drive by the Shadow chief, Don Nichols. Regazzoni has gone on record as saying that he would even consider sacrificing a career in grand prix racing in order to drive a competitive car at Indianapolis; now it seems he will have the chance to do both.

Coming at such a late hour, Regazzoni's defection has put Nunn in a considerable dilemma, but he has signed an exciting Hawaiian driver, Danny Ongais for the first two grands prix. The extent to which Ongais may be able to continue his association with the Ensign team beyond this will be governed by his North American racing commitments. This year Nunn is planning to run a two-car team, and his permanent second driver will be the young Italian Lamberto Leoni, another newcomer to grand prix racing, although he did drive a Surtees in practice at Monza last September. Leoni also has the distinction of being the only driver so far to have won a formula two race with the aid of a Ferrari engine.

Osgood joins Coventry

Coventry yesterday signed the Tottenham Hotspur defender, Keith Osgood for £125,000. Osgood was on the transfer list only 24 hours after he had told his manager, Keith Burkinshaw, that he did not want to play for the club again. Osgood was dropped for Saturday's game against Blackburn Rovers.

Gordon Milne, the Coventry manager, moved in for Osgood after his attempts to sign the Luton centre half Paul Futcher,

Mellor for sale

Ian Mellor, the Brighton forward, has had his request for a transfer granted by the board. After Mellor had had an interview with the chairman, Michael Bamber, and manager, Alan Mullery, Brighton agreed to notify other clubs that Mellor was available.

Double exposure

Hamburg, W Germany, Jan 4.—There should be no shortage of information flowing from this year's World Cup football finals in Argentina. Over 7,000 journalists have applied for accreditation—double the number for the last

Rugby League

Jones called up by Welsh to replace Fisher

Clive Jones, of Leigh, has been brought into the Welsh Rugby League side as a substitute forward for the European triangular tournament match against France at Widnes on January 15. He takes the place of Tony Fisher (Castleford) who withdrew from the team yesterday without giving an explanation to the Rugby League.

In France injuries to key players have forced the selectors to name a makeshift team for the match against Wales.

Bernard Guilhem, a centre, Guy Allary, scrum half, and first choice hookers, Bonnet and Garcia, are all unavailable. The side named contains Billon, at full back, Lafarge at centre, and Gonzales, a forward, three players who have not represented their country for more than two years. There are three new caps, Serge, Loubet in the backs, the promising Roland Gorse at prop and Christian Lassale, a forward.

TEAM: M. Billon, M. Lafarge, J. Cuigue, J-M. Bourret, B. Loubet, J. Gaule (captain), J-M. Ember, M. Cassin, A. Gonzales, C. Lassie, G. Rodrigues, J-J. Cologni, R. Gorse.

Douglas Davies, the Swinton forward, has been cleared of a charge of striking the refcree, Bernard Walker, during a reserve match at Oldham last month. Davies, formerly with Salford and Huyton, made a personal appearance at a special meeting of the Rugby League disciplinary committee in Leeds yesterday.

Meanwhile the Rugby League International Committee meeting, also in Leeds yesterday, set up a special seven-man sub-committee to plan the fixtures against the Australian visitors in the autumn. The Australians arrive on September 26 and depart on November 21. In between they will play three Test matches against Great Britain and have fixtures with leading club sides.

Salford have signed Workington Town's County forward, Harold Henney, for a fee of about £4,000. Henney, 24, has decided to join the Lancashire first division club, with whom he has been on loan, instead of moving to Whitehaven, a second division side also interested in obtaining his services.

Cresta Run

ST MORITZ: Escalapia Cup (handicap): 1, C. Rees, 1.53.30; 2, C. Von Grafenried, 1.53.58; 3, M. Bacchetti (Italy), 1.53.41; 4, K. H. Dietz (W Germany), 1.53.64; 5, C. Nater, jnr, 1.53.85; 6, R. Lyster-Green (GB), 1.53.92. Other British placing: 10, J. Manciaux.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Islanders 4, Vancouver Canucks 1; Philadelphia Flyers 5, Cleveland Barons 4; Montreal Canadiens 8, St Louis Blues 0.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: Moscow Spartak 8, Colorado Rockies 3; Soviet All-Stars 5, Quebec Nordiques 3.

Badminton

Copenhagen n so wonderful for England N

Copenhagen, Jan 4.—Talbot, England's top badm player, was somewhere ove North Sea when he should been at a badminton interna against the formidable Danes last night. Talbot, schedul meet Denmark's world chan Flemming Delfs, misunder the date of the match and th it was today, not yesterday.

When he realized his m he attempted a dash to C hagen, but ran into engine tr on a flight from Glasgow to castle and further delays be aircraft at Amsterdam. Wilks stood in for him a Delfs to lose 15—4, 15—5, by the time Talbot arrived the mixed doubles, in whic was also to have played, w full swing.

There was little doubt the Danes' superior form in 7—0 victory, but T especially in the mixed do with Nora Perry, might have it slightly closer.

Canto retains title

Koriyama, Japan, Jan 4.—M Canto, of Mexico, retained World Boxing Council flyw title by defeating the Jap challenger, Shoji Oguma, on p over 15 rounds here toda

Light's chance to shine

Byron Light, the Oxford University hooker, plays his first game for London Welsh at Northampton on Saturday, taking over from Iestyn Thomas. Light joins another Oxford colleague, the full back, Hopkins, who made his first appearance for the Welsh in their previous match.

Bowring takes over on a flank from Howard Thomas who moves to lock, Roberts dropping down to the Second XV. With Huges unavailable and Shanklin still recovering fitness the centres are Williams and Maidment.

Page is back to lead Northampton after recovering from tonsilitis. Lutter (lock) and Watson (prop) are also back after Northampton's New Year's Eve defeat at Bath.

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Racing

Royal Frolic remains a central figure in Gold Cup picture

By Michael Seely

Fred Rimell and his jockey, John Burke, were in sparkling form at Doncaster yesterday. The Worcestershire trainer saddled Royal Frolic to beat Cancello by lengths in the Blyth Steeplechase. Rimell then completed a double when showing us a likely candidate for the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle in Connaught Ranger, who jumped brilliantly before quickening in fine style on the flat to foil a gamble on Nice and Friendly in the second division of the Rawcliffe Novices Hurdle.

This victory gave Burke his third winner of the afternoon and the second treble of his career, as earlier, deputizing for the injured John Francome, he had partnered Stublick to catch Orillo in the closing seconds of the Epworth Handicap Steeplechase.

The Blyth Steeplechase told us little about Royal Frolic. His solitary opponent, Cancello, still looked on the burly side in the paddock. But despite the width of the winning margin, Royal Frolic was at one time working hard for his success. Approaching the straight Cancello was going easily in the lead while Burke was having to push at the 1976 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner. The picture changed dramatically after jumping the third fence from home. Cancello's lack of condition started to tell and Royal Frolic soon drew clear.

Both Rimell and Neville Crump, Cancello's trainer, were delighted with their horses' display. "You can't write him off yet", Mrs Mercy Rimell said. "Royal Frolic ran better than everyone thought in the King George VI Steeplechase. He hit the last open ditch hard and Burke was easy on him when it was clear the horse was beaten." Royal Frolic's price for the Gold Cup remains at 10-1. His next objective is the Pintail Steeplechase at Newcastle on February 14.

This race could also be the target for Cancello. Major Burdon's gelding was fired after breaking down when defeating Bula in the Whitbread Gold Cup 14 months ago. And after yesterday's display it is clear that Cancello has retained all the speed that saw him victorious that afternoon. "I'm absolutely thrilled," Crump said. "Cancello is still very backward and could need another race before he reaches his peak." The Middleham trainer went on to add that the Gold Cup would probably be the nine-year-old's target at the National Hunt festival, but that he wanted to find out how well Cancello stayed before reaching a final decision.

Connaught Ranger, on the other hand, was most impressive and was only on offer at 12—1 with some for the Triumph after yesterday's victory on his first appearance over hurdles. "I liked the way he quickened up," Burke said. "Connaught Ranger worked well with Western Rose the other morning," Rimell said, "and this could be a very good horse."

Although he beat only moderate opposition, Connaught Ranger possesses the looks, breeding and useful form on the flat to match his performance yesterday. Bred by Lord Derby the four-year-old is a half-brother to Franklin, a useful performer on the flat in this country who also won good class hurdle races in France. When trained by Charles Millbank Connaught Ranger won three times at Cagnes-sur-Mer at the beginning of last season and also ran well in pattern races. David Minton of the Curragh Bloodstock Agency gave 8,400 guineas for the four-year-old at the Newmarket sales on behalf of Jim McCaughey, who is also the owner of Norfolk Air. Rimell said that Western Rose would run in the Tolworth Hurdle at Sandown Park on Saturday.

Burke's third winner, Stublick, showed all the courage in the world when overhauling Orillo who had gone clear three fences from home. His trainer, Richard Head, said that despite Stublick's four victories in a row he intended to keep this improving eight-year-old to minor races for the time being. However Uncle Bing, provided that he gets a reasonable weight, will probably have his Gold Cup preliminary in the Great Yorkshire Steeplechase on this course at the end of the month.

John O'Neill, the leading jockey who is ill in bed with influenza, missed taking his tally for the season to 81 when Peter Easterby also landed a double with Drummossie and King Weasel. Alan Brown lost his right to claim the 7lb allowance when partnering Drummossie to a smooth win in the first division of the novices hurdle. Colin Tinkler was O'Neill's deputy on King Weasel, who looked a young steeplechaser of exceptional promise when gaining his sixth victory in succession in the Tuxford Novices Steeplechase. There is now little doubt that King Weasel is a possible winner of the Arkle Challenge Trophy at Cheltenham.

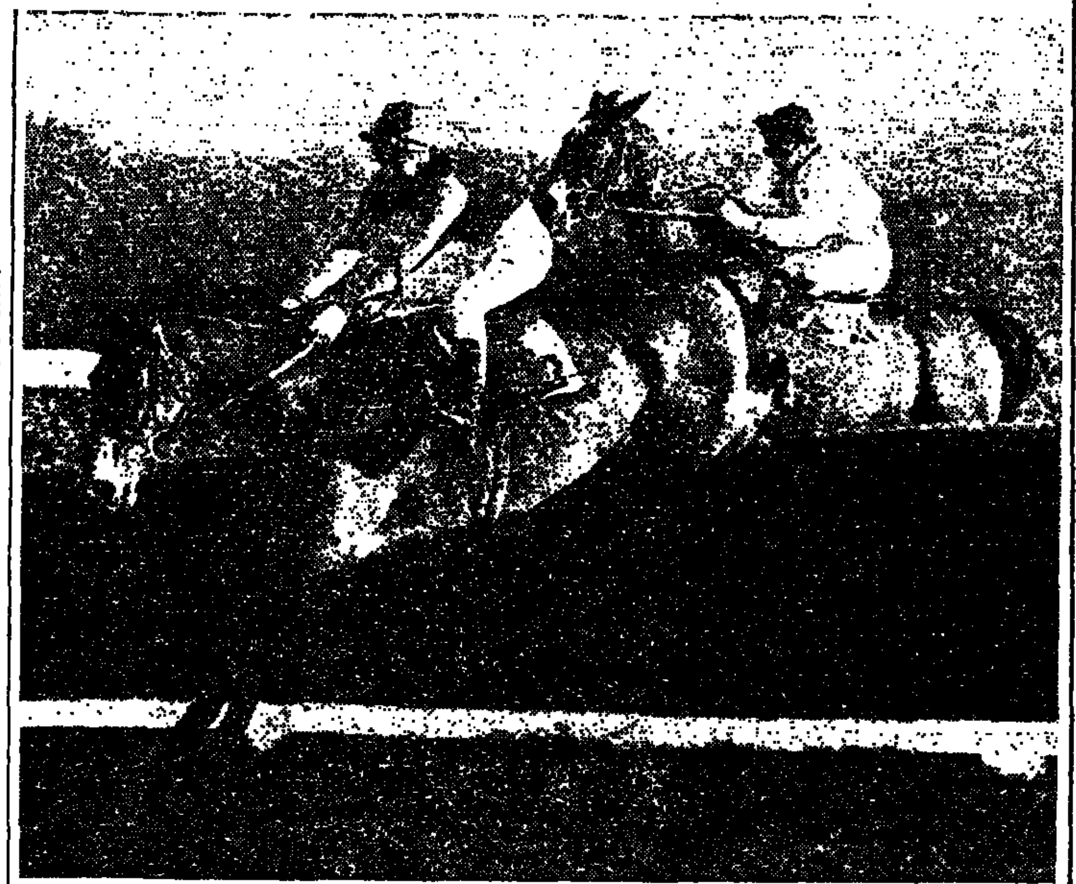
The running of this race was marred by an accident to a 72-year-old ambulance man, Felix Grant, who was walking down a fence when he was hit by the leader and then narrowly missed by King Weasel. Last night Mr Grant had X-ray examinations for head injuries in Doncaster Royal Infirmary. Tinkler said: "I just missed the man's prostrate body which had been cannoned on to the ground by Bawnogues." Apparently the stirrup iron of Bawnogues rider, Craig Smith, had struck Mr Grant on the head.

At Doncaster today Bear's Paw, who returned to his best form when winning at Uttoxeter, has Chosen Slave to beat in the Gainsborough Handicap Steeplechase. The Wantage trainer, Peter Bailey, can win both divisions of the Bawtry Novices Hurdle with his New Zealand-bred pair, Hunter's Joy and Purdo.

From next Monday the Tote will run jackpot and place-pot pools every day. Jackpot pools will also operate at more than one meeting at weekends. Jackpot turnover has soared since the "Jackpot 5" was introduced last April. Up until then punters faced the demanding task of finding all six winners, now they have to find the final five.

But the Tote is still some way from running a Jackpot at every meeting. An official said: "It would certainly be possible to run a Jackpot at every meeting but before we consider that step we will have to see how successful the daily Jackpots are."

STATE OF GOING (official): Taunton: Good. Doncaster: Good to firm. Tomorrow: Haydock Park: Good on steeplechase course. Good on hurdle course, except the run-in where it is good to firm. Sandown Park: Good.



New Formula, the winner, leads Ormonde Tudor in the Weald Handicap Steeplechase

Bright future for Gathering Storm

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Douglas Bunn, the owner of the all-England show-jumping centre at Hickstead, also owns a promising young steeplechaser in Gathering Storm, who won the Sevenoaks Novices' Steeplechase at Lingfield Park yesterday by six lengths. Bought by his owner when he was a yearling, and taught to jump by him at home since then, Gathering Storm is now unbeaten over fences. The way that he jumped yesterday suggested that he might well have been carefully schooled over something like posts and rails because he never looked like falling.

Afterwards, Bob Champion, who rode him, predicted that Gathering Storm would make a good staying steeplechaser one day. Gathering Storm is trained by Josh Gifford at Findon. While, not unnaturally, pleased with this latest success, Gifford had less good news of Aldaniti, his steeplechaser who finished third to Bachelor's Hall and Fort Devon in the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury in November. Apparently Aldaniti has chipped bones on both the inside and the outside of his near-hind fetlock joint, and is *hors de combat* as a result for the rest of the season.

Instead of going to Doncaster to watch Orillo run in the Epworth Handicap Steeplechase, Toby Balding went to Lingfield Park instead to see Scroggy run in the Old Mill Handicap Steeplechase. And what a good judge he was. Orillo was beaten, but Scroggy won by 15 lengths, ridden by Brian Reilly, whose first ride in a steeplechase he was. Reilly used to be apprenticed to Balding's brother, Ian.

The going under foot yesterday was extremely heavy, and that suited New Formula, who won the Weald Handicap Steeplechase by a very wide margin. Now his owners, all members of Grange Sporting Ltd, are hoping that the ground will be every bit as testing at Chepstow in February when the Welsh Grand National will be his objective.

Sweet September started as 9-4 on to win the first division of the Horley Novices' Hurdle and he duly won in a way that a horse starting at those odds ought to have done. Throughout the last quarter of a mile his rider, Andrew Turnell, was able to give one of his brilliant imitations of Lester Piggott at his most confident, so much did he have in hand. Sweet September is out of a mare who won the Irish Grand National, and he has the size and scope to make the grade as a steeplechaser.

Turnell and his father, Bob, went on to complete a predictable double by winning the second division as well with Peter Grimes, who is clearly going from strength to strength. Yesterday he led from start to finish, and never looked like being caught, beating in the process stronger opposition than his stable companion had done earlier in the afternoon.

Luckily for this sport-cum-industry, it seems that there is no end to the number of firms or individuals who are prepared to sponsor horse-racing in this country. The latest recruit is Autobar Ltd, who with two of their subsidiary companies have agreed to back three races at Ascot on April 29. Autobar have guaranteed to sponsor the Victoria Cup for a minimum of three years, and this year that famous seven furlong handicap, which has been won by such redoubtable individuals as Welsh Pageant, Town Crier, and Record Token in recent years, will have £12,000 added.

Mono Containers Ltd are combining with the Ascot authority to put up the prize-money for the Sagaro Stakes, which will amount to £10,400. Formerly known as the Paradise Stakes, the Sagaro Stakes has been named after that admirable stayer who became the first horse to win the Ascot Gold Cup three times in a row when he was successful again there last June. Run over two miles the Sagaro Stakes ought to be an ideal preparatory race for the *Gold Cup*.

The third race in this package of sponsorship will be known as the Aimers Coffee Stakes. Sponsored by Aimers Teas and Coffees Ltd, it will have £5,200 added, and it will replace the Golden Hind Stakes. It will have the same conditions and be confined to three-year-old fillies and run over a mile. The parent company is the country's largest manufacturer of convenience foods for vending and catering industries, and is controlled by Tony and Ray Richards, two brothers who are both ardent supporters of racing.

Michael Dickinson said at Ayr yesterday that his father's Gisburn stable is unlikely to be represented in this year's Daily Express Triumph Hurdle. Big Ben and Honegger were the yard's fancied ante-post entries.

But Dickinson said: "Big Ben was floored at Leicester earlier this week while Honegger does not strike me as a Triumph winner." Honegger, at 5-2 on, scrambled home by a length from Bargan in the first division of the Trabboch Hurdle at Ayr yesterday.

Mactavish, bought for only 480 guineas at Newmarket sales, landed her fourth win from six outings when getting home by half a length from Twidale in the Drongan Amateur Riders' Handicap Hurdle. Christopher Cundall has now had two rides for David Barron's Northallerton yard and both have won. Ballymurray, from Ireland, backed to 2-1 favourite, was disappointing in trailing a well-beaten sixth.

Lucius conceding a lot of weight to his rivals, finished five lengths behind Jack's Flutter in the Holmston Handicap Steeplechase. The nine-year-old, a 6-4 on chance, made a bad blunder at the last and lost his momentum leaving Jack's Flutter to go away on the flat. Jack's Flutter provided Haddington trainer, Wilfred Crawford, with his fourth winner this season.

Tennis

Dibbs falls quickly after Connors fights his way out of a corner

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
New York, Jan 4

At least two of the three doubles matches in the Masters tennis tournament, sponsored by Colgate, at Madison Square Garden, will have the subsidiary theme of a clash between the over-thirties and the under-thirties. Tomorrow evening Bob Lutz and Stan Smith, combined ages 61, will play Brian Gottfried and Raul Ramirez, who are both in their middle twenties.

Lutz and Smith first played as a team in 1964. They won the inaugural United States Open championship in 1968, and have since won a string of big titles and produced a book on this most consistently exhilarating form of the game. Their opponents, the outstanding team of the younger generation, have created a solidly effective partnership from the power of Gottfried and the quickness and touch of Ramirez, the latter looking rather self-consciously boyish these days after shaving off his familiar moustache. Gottfried and Ramirez hold the French and Italian championships but are now asked to prove themselves on a quicker surface.

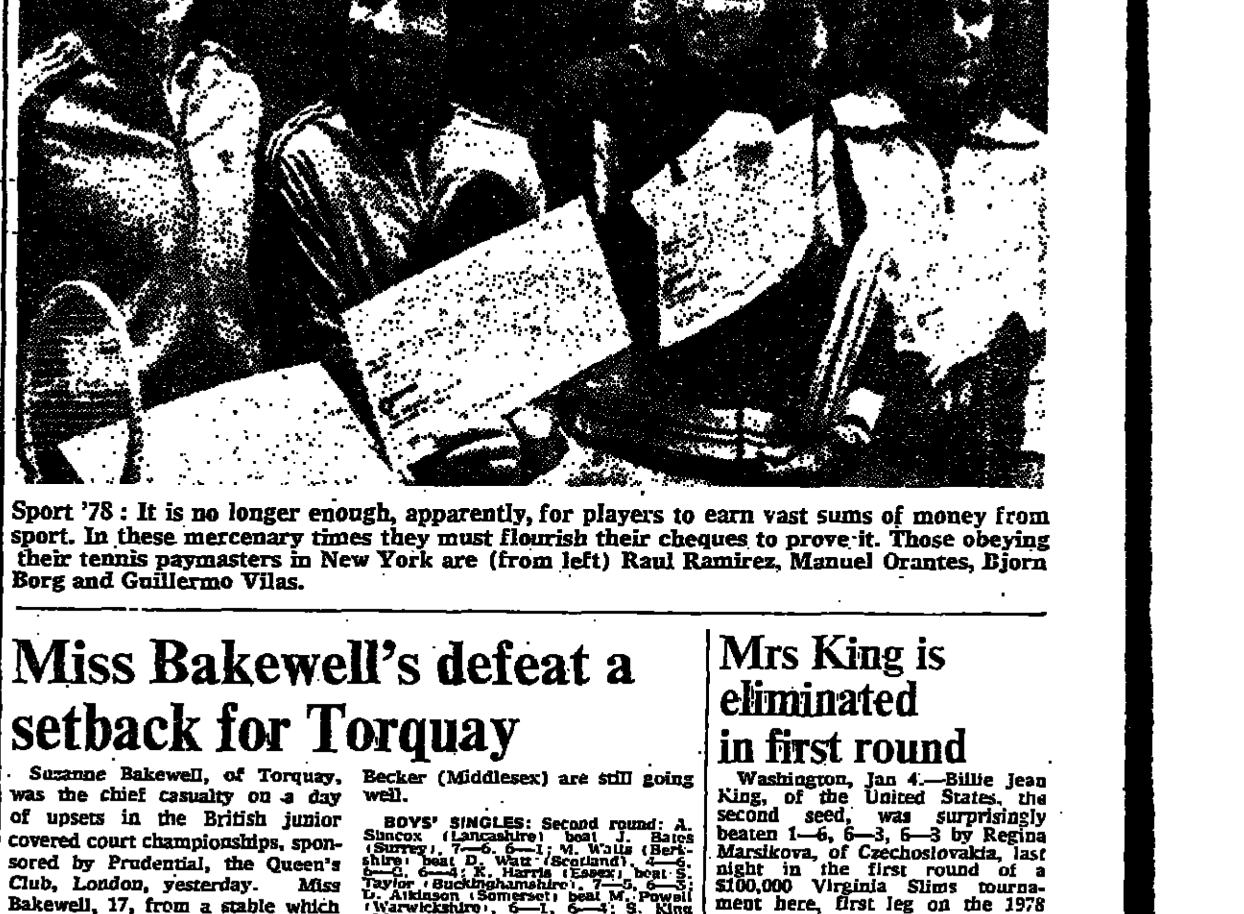
Bob Hewitt and Frew McMillan, combined ages 72, first won Wimbledon as long ago as 1967 but were the outstanding grand prix team of 1977, their successes including the United States championship. Alone among the pairs here, they are doubles specialists. Both are so deft in designing and exploiting openings that they can play formidable doubles with anyone—and can be almost irresistible when in harness. Their opponents on Friday evening will be an Australian team, John Alexander and Phillip Dent, who were runners-up for the Wimbledon and Australian championships and as we can, but do not let us narrowly qualified for Madison Square Garden with a last-lap burst that took them past last year's winners of the Masters, Fred McNair and Sherwood Stewart.

The doubles final, to be played on Saturday, will be the only match on the entire tournament to be contested over the best of five sets. It is absurd that such a lavishly promoted and wealthy tournament (the eight singles players and four doubles pairs are playing for £210,000) should thus be devalued. The prestige of such an event inevitably suffers unless the format tests the players' physical and mental stamina, as well as their competitive skills. The nonsense of abbreviated matches has arisen because the television people wanted it that way—and the promoters wanted television badly enough to agree.

For three days the eight singles players are competing in two groups of four on an all-play-all basis. Each group's winner will then play the other group's runner-up in Saturday's semi-final round. This afternoon's programme was totally American. Gottfried beat Roscoe Tanner, 7—5, 6—2. These two are so much alike in their methods that their matches lack the spice of contrast and tend to excite respect rather than joy. Today Gottfried was slightly the sounder and more flexible on the points that mattered, reminding us of his doubles craft with the skill that enabled him to provoke errors or create openings.

Jimmy Connors then beat Eddie Dibbs, 7—5, 6—2. Connors looked highly trained but rather edgy, as if doubtful whether his ball control would match his fitness. In the first set his ground strokes were inconsistent and after surviving five break points he was off target with a backhand and Dibbs thus broke through for 4—3. Two games later Dibbs served for the set but scored only one point. Connors was now showing typical boldness and concentration, where as Dibbs seemed to have no depth of confidence. Having fought his way out of that corner Connors was never again in trouble. He tidied up all the loose ends and early in the second set confirmed his increasing assurance by teasing Dibbs with the drop and lob game.

Connors has clearly played his way into form and it is likely that he and Bjorn Borg will reach Sunday's final. But this suggestion is made with some hesitance because form tends to be unpredictable when players have had a break from competition. Borg and Connors have each competed in the Masters only twice before. The fact that both are here this week is testimony to the growing importance of a tournament the leading players can no longer regard as "an optional extra".



Sport '78: It is no longer enough, apparently, for players to earn vast sums of money from sport. In these mercenary times they must flourish their cheques to prove it. Those obeying their tennis paymasters in New York are (from left) Raul Ramirez, Manuel Orantes, Bjorn Borg and Guillermo Vilas.

Miss Bakewell's defeat a setback for Torquay

Suzanne Bakewell, of Torquay, was the chief casualty on a day of upsets in the British junior covered court championships, sponsored by Prudential, the Queen's Club, London, yesterday. Miss Bakewell, 17, from a stable which has produced a stream of junior champions, was one of four seeded players whose interest in the championship came to an end.

She was easily beaten by Alison Hill (Avon) and the big surprise was the margin of Miss Hill's victory. After losing the first two games Miss Hill dropped one more and won 6—2, 6—1.

All the other surprises were in the boys' singles, in which Scotland's Donald Watt, seeded four, was beaten by Martin Watts (Avon), Stephen Collar (No 5) was beaten by Stuart King, and Jeremy Bates (No 7) by Adrian Simcox.

Four out of the eight seeded players have been eliminated in the first two rounds of the boys' singles but the favourites, David Atkinson, of Somerset, and Harvey Becker (Middlesex) are still going well.

BOYS' SINGLES: Second round: A. Simcox (Lancashire) beat J. Bates (Surrey), 7—6, 6—1; M. Walls (Berkshire) beat D. Watt (Scotland), 4—6, 6—2, 6—4; K. Harris (Essex) beat S. Taylor (Buckinghamshire), 7—5, 6—3; D. Atkinson (Somerset) beat M. Powell (Warwickshire), 6—1, 6—4; S. King (Warwickshire) beat S. Collar (Essex), 2—6, 6—3, 6—1; A. Veal (Sussex) beat D. James (Wales), 7—6, 7—5; M. Taylor (Surrey) beat N. Gerrard (Derbyshire), 7—5, 7—6; H. Becker (Middlesex) beat D. Crichton-Miller (Surrey), 6—4, 6—3.

GIRLS' SINGLES: Second round: K. Glancy (Buckinghamshire) beat J. Reardon (Surrey), 6—0, 6—2; D. Stewart (Sussex) beat J. Wrigley (Buckinghamshire), 6—1, 6—1; A. Hill (Avon) beat S. Bakewell (Devon), 6—2, 6—1; F. Moffitt (Devon) beat J. Tacon (Norfolk), 6—2, 3—6, 6—3; C. O'Brien (Sussex) beat R. Dann (Wiltshire), 7—5, 5—7, 6—1; D. Morgan (Kent) beat J. Blyth-Lewis (Kent), 6—0, 6—2; J. Rich (Norfolk) beat T. T. Sawyer (Essex), 6—1, 6—3.

AUCKLAND: New Zealand championships: K. Meiler (West Germany) beat D. Collings (Australia) 6—2, 6—2; E. Fromm (US) beat C. Sylvan (US), 6—3, 7—5; E. Teltscher (US) beat R. Gittinan (Australia), 6—3, 6—1. Quarter-finals: Miss M. Tosch (Australia) beat Miss C. Newton (New Zealand), 7—5, 6—3; Miss M.-K. Christenson (US) beat Miss B. Perry (New Zealand), 6—2, 3—6, 6—3.

Mrs King is eliminated in first round

Washington, Jan 4.—Billie Jean King, of the United States, the second seed, was surprisingly beaten 1—6, 6—3, 6—3 by Regina Marsikova, of Czechoslovakia, last night in the first round of a $100,000 Virginia Slims tournament here, first leg on the 1978 women's tennis circuit. But Martina Navratilova, of Czechoslovakia, the top seed, overwhelmed Sharon Walsh, of the United States, 6—2, 6—0 to reach the second round.

Two other seeds also won their first round matches, fourth-seeded Betty Stove, of The Netherlands, who overcame a first set loss to defeat Brigitte Cuypers, of South Africa 2—6, 6—4, 6—0, and seventh-seeded Greer Stevens, of South Africa, who beat Kris Shaw, of the United States, 6—1, 6—1.

Mrs King, 34, went quickly through the opening set against her Czechoslovak opponent, who found the 15 years' difference in experience too much to overcome. But the youngster, after dropping behind 2—0 in the second set, struck form and took six of the next seven games to level the match at one set each.

Lloyd takes supporting role in cup

John Lloyd may have to be content with just a supporting role for Britain in the first of this year's King's Cup matches against the holders, Sweden, at Sunderland tonight.

Last weekend Lloyd, 23, became the first British player since Fred Perry in 1934 to reach the final of the Australian championships in Melbourne. But the British team manager, Paul Hutchings, is not prepared to take chances with a travel-weary Lloyd for such an important start to this year's European indoor team championships.

When the draw was made last night, Hutchings had no hesitation in naming Mark Cox and John Feaver as his singles players. He nominated Lloyd, with his brother Daniel, only for the concluding doubles. Hutchings hopes that by then his team will have an unassailable lead.

Hutchings said: "John was quite happy to play singles but remembering his poor performance a year ago when he was pitched in within a few days of returning from Australia I want to give him extra time to settle down. I thought it was best to play Cox in the singles."

Hutchings had his decision made easier when Cox, currently Britain's No 1 but not in the original team, said he would delay his intended departure for America, to be on hand if his country needed him.

Hutchings jumped at his offer and repaid Cox by naming him No 1 to play Kjell Johansson, aged 26, who is second only to Wimbledon champion, Bjorn Borg, in the Swedish rankings.

John Feaver, from Wimborne, Dorset, making his first appearance in the King's Cup after his Davis Cup first appearance last summer, opens the tie against Tenny Svensson, and the Lloyds close it with their doubles against Svensson and Ove Bengtson, a surprise omission from the Swedish singles line-up.

Taunton programme

HEDGECUTTERS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £806: 2m 3f)
p-p0 Proper Charlie, B. Lay, 13-12-0 .... P. O'Brien
12d-002 Galloway Edition, G. Balding, 9-11-10 .... D. Ranger
014000 Le Jet, Miss S. Morris, 6-11-8 .... —
f2f4u2 Fredrick John, Mrs E. Kennard, 8-11-7 .... C. Gray
404002 Jolly Sailor, J. Jewell, 9-11-6 .... C. Brown
Fredrick John, 11-4 Le Jet, 100-30 Jolly Sailor, 7-2 Galloway Edition, Proper Charlie.

ROADMEN'S HURDLE (Handicap: £364: 2m)
000-f Silent Town, J. Shedden, 6-11-9 .... P. Carvill 7
0000-p0 Gala, D. H. Jones, 6-11-6 .... J. White 7
00p-042 Tudor Maestro, M. Low, 6-11-6 .... B. Jones 3
pb0- Apache Lady, R. Pocock, 6-11-2 .... P. Richards 3
000p00 Tunis, F. Yardley, 5-10-13 .... A. Lovell 7
p0-0000 Kloten, F. Edwards, 6-10-13 .... Mr G. Edwards 7
f00bf0 Lager Boy, A. Jones, 5-10-9 .... John Williams
00000 Cheering Rocket, J. Bradley, 4-10-7 .... M. Williams
000-003 Slide Over Baby, R. Keenor, 6-10-6 .... Mr J. Hessman 7
-8 Tudor Maestro, 2-1 Slide Over Baby, 9-2 Silent Town, 8-1 Gala, Lager Boy, 16-1 others.

DITCHDIGGERS HURDLE (Handicap: £736: 3m 1f)
102-010 Portway Nick (C-D), F. G. Smith, 8-11-8 .... —
0-01041 Copper Bar (C-D), A. Hobbs, 6-11-6 .... P. Hobbs
000201 Firstgo, J. Cann, 7-10-10 .... S. G. Knight 5
330140 Light Infantry (C), D. Barons, 6-10-13 .... P. Leach
400-001 Mrs Stephens, H. Payne, 8-10-10 .... J. Flower 7
3000-44 Major Crisis, M. Tate, 6-10-8 .... R. Hyett
00-0030 Tiepin, Miss P. Barnes, 7-10-6 .... J. Jenkins
p02b03 Agir, Miss S. Morris, 7-10-4 .... E. Wright
23-0000 Kastrup, D. Barons, 11-10-3 .... G. Thorner
000010 Magic Note (D), W. Williams, 6-10-1 .... M. Barrett 7
003044 Moss Way, A. Jones, 7-10-0 .... John Williams
000-0 Flying Gamble, L. Kennard, 5-10-0 .... G. McCourt
000300 Timber Queen, Mrs E. Kennard, 5-10-0 .... C. Gray 7
00p-p Canyamel, Mrs J. Foster, 8-10-0 .... J. Flower 7
Copper Bar, 5-1 Firstgo, 11-2 Magic Note, 6-1 Agir, Portway Nick, 8-1 ... 10-1 Major Crisis, 12-1 others.

NORTON FITZWARREN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £872: 3m 1f)
314133 Kick On, K. Lewis, 11-11-8 .... R. Hyett
01-074 Brown Jock, R. Armytage, 10-11-1 .... S. Parkyn
0210-1 Alexangle (C-D), W. Fullerton, 12-11-1 .... Dr D. Chesney
02000 Rod Trump, L. Garfield, 9-11-0 .... —
p-pf Vapour (D), L. Merson, 10-10-10 .... K. Bosley 5
0pu0-2 Captain Clover (D), G. Ham, 8-10-9 .... Mr B. Vern 7
tp-10-1f Ivy Tree, J. Thorne, 9-10-8 .... P. Hobbs
33103f Irish Shamrock, N. Gaselee, 7-10-7 .... M. Floyd
11100p- Whee Lad, M. Lait, 10-10-6 .... G. Thorner
-00433 Sixer (C-D), G. Clay, 14-10-2 .... P. Warner
-30 Ivy Tree, 4-1 Kick On, 9-2 Brown Jock, 6-1 Irish Shamrock, 6-1 ...ngle, 8-1 Sixer, 12-1 Captain Clover, 16-1 others.

PLOUGHMAN'S HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o novices: £496: 2m)
Arctic Gables, J. Bradley, 11-0 .... M. Williams
Chirp, M. Tate, 11-0 .... C. Smith
04 Cindermouse, J. Jewell, 11-0 .... C. Brown 7
000 Dean's Guy, D. Keith, 11-0 .... R. Floyd
June Barr, A. Lloyd, 11-0 .... Mr J. Bryan 7
Lahzim, L. Kennard, 11-0 .... R. R. Evans
0 Legal Laird, J. S. Evans, 11-0 .... E. Knowles 7
00 Mount Stephen, D. Jermy, 11-0 .... J. Garner 7
Peaceful Valley, C. Hill, 11-0 .... G. Thorner
000 Peacock's Pal, A. Ingham, 11-0 .... P. Baynes
30 Portune, I. Wardle, 11-0 .... S. Smith-Eccles
0 Pipe Band, P. Calver, 11-0 .... R. Linley
Pride of Towy, M. McCourt, 11-0 .... G. McCourt
Princely Call, J. P. Jones, 11-0 .... H. J. Evans
00231 Pucka Fella, H. Payne, 11-10 .... P. Hobbs
Swansea Rhythm, F. Muggeridge, 11-0 .... P. McKenna
Pucka Fella, 7-4 Dean's Guy, 9-2 Cindermouse, 5-1 Pipe Band, 6-1 ..., 8-1 Peacock's Pal, 14-1 others.

PLOUGHMAN'S HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o novices: £482: 2m)
Brancaster, J. Cann, 11-0 .... S. G. Knight 5
40 Cannon of Milton, Mrs R. Lomax, 11-0 .... A. Carroll
Chestnut Walk, M. McCourt, 11-0 .... G. McCourt
Dessima, D. Jermy, 11-0 .... J. Garner 7
Golden Columbine, G. Villance, 11-0 .... D. Power 7
0040 Letterellan, G. Balding, 11-0 .... R. Linley
Marrakesh, I. Wardle, 11-0 .... S. Smith-Eccles
Merrymaker, L. Kennard, 11-0 .... G. Thorner
0 Sylvia's Dream, C. Hill, 11-0 .... R. R. Evans
p Tombola, G. Kindersley, 11-0 .... P. Hobbs
p Vardes, H. Payne, 11-0 .... J. Burke
00 Windfall Penny, F. Rimell, 11-0 .... John Williams
Wrays Meadow, J. Powell, 11-0 .... —
Vardes, 9-4 Letterellan, 9-2 Windfall Penny, 8-1 Marrakesh, 10-1 Sylvia's Dream, 16-1 others.

Doncaster programme

1.15 ROSE HILL STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £904: 2m 150yd)
1 231urf Aorist, P. Green, 9-11-7 .... —
6 001123 Carbon, W. A. Stephenson, 7-11-2 .... G. Faulkner
9 01-003p Crimson Glove, H. Collingridge, 6-11-2 .... R. Barry
10 p0p0-00 Cronella, P. Green, 6-11-2 .... A. Webber
11 4-2u Flap Jack, B. Wilkinson, 9-11-2 .... D. Munro
12 1210-00 Funny Baby, G. Fairbairn, 7-11-2 .... M. Dickinson
14 p4 Sicady, Mrs J. French, 8-11-2 .... —
15 000-0u0 Tuckers Return, H. Wharton, 6-11-2 .... D. Greaves
13-8 Carbon, 3-1 Flap Jack, 9-2 Crimson Glove, 6-1 Funny Baby, 8-1 Aorist, 16-1 Sicady, 20-1 others.

1.45 GAINSBOROUGH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,648: 2¼m)
4 20-1fu1 Chosen Slave (D), M. Naughton, 11-10-10 .... M. Dickinson
5 04f201 Bear's Paw (D), G. Barlow, 7-10-9 .... R. F. Davies
6 013-p2p Rookery Nook (D), N. Crump, 11-10-8 .... C. Hawkins
7 14-0200 Holly Park (D), Miss C. Crooks, 10-10-2 .... M. Lowry 5
8 43-42u4 Ballinlonig, J. Webber, 7-10-1 .... A. Webber
9 233fr1 Lucy Parker, J. Fawkes, 7-10-0 .... T. Casey
10 304p-23 Wily Talke, J. Blundell, 8-10-0 .... A. Brown 7
11 00pf40 Granny's Gift, S. Mellor, 7-10-0 .... P. Blacker
11-4 Chosen Slave, 4-1 Bear's Paw, 9-2 Rookery Nook, 6-1 Lucy Parker, 8-1 Granny's Gift and Ballinlonig, 12-1 Holly Park, 16-1 Wily Talke.

2.15 BAWTRY HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £721: 2m 150yd)
1 d4f314 Soldiers Field, F. Wiles, 6-11-8 .... S. Wiles 5
2 00 Hunter's Joy, P. Bailey, 6-11-3 .... R. Champion
3 000-00 Merry Less, H. Hanmer, 6-11-3 .... Mr E. Hanmer 7
6 44-4004 Pinewood Grange, T. Kersey, 5-11-3 .... C. Kersey 7
7 p0 Pipe Cleaner, J. Blundell, 7-11-3 .... A. Brown 7
9 1 Bond's Best, A. Potts, 4-10-13 .... C. Tinkler
10 320113 Triole, B. Richmond, 4-10-13 .... M. O'Shea 5
12 3 Qualuz, M. H. Easterby, 4-10-8 .... —
2-1 Bond's Best, 7-2 Qualuz, 4-1 Hunter's Joy, 6-1 Triole, 8-1 Soldier's Field, 14-1 others.

2.45 DINNINGTON STEEPLECHASE (£1,640: 3¼m)
1 103-001 Angel Clare, A. Dickinson, 7-12-3 .... M. Dickinson
3 01-0b1f Lord Brae, T. Tate, 7-12-3 .... Mr T. Tate 5
6 2f-u40f Border Brig, R. Brewis, 7-11-13 .... P. Mangan
8 00-04f0 Captain's Deal, E. Magner, 6-11-7 .... Ann Harvey 7
5-4 Lord Brae, 7-4 Angel Clare, 7-2 Border Brig, 14-1 Captain's Deal.

3.15 FITZWILLIAM HURDLE (Handicap: £710: 3m 122yd)
3 032400 Tamdhu, G. Richards, 5-11-5 .... C. Pimlott 5
4 p-00000 Our Fantasy, Mrs R. Lomax, 6-11-4 .... J. Kear 5
5 21p-000 Poul, F. Dever, 6-11-0 .... N. Hiskett 5
7 0422-40 Lok Yoe, Rex Carter, 8-10-9 .... P. Hawling 5
8 0044-00 Forced March, N. Crump, 5-10-9 .... M. Stephens 5
10 f0ppp-p Mr Hegarty, R. Wall, 7-10-5 .... G. Peck 5
11 00-2000 Veno Star, W. J. Smith, 7-10-5 .... M. Murphy 5
12 0f Festive Star, T. Kersey, 7-10-5 .... N. Loverock 5
13 00p0-p0 Pavardi, B. Sayles, 8-10-5 .... D. Sayles 5
7-4 Tamdhu, 100-30 Lok Yoe, 9-2 Forced March, 6-1 Poul, 8-1 Mr Hegarty, 10-1 Veno Star, 16-1 others.

3.45 BAWTRY HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £755: 2m 150yd)
4 2134 Sergeant Rihot, J. Marriage, 6-11-8 .... Mr A. Heath 7
7 0300-0 Evening Flight, J. Hartley, 7-11-3 .... —
8 0 Indian Captive, A. Goodwill, 7-11-3 .... J. Pearce
9 p Kipton, G. Vergette, 6-11-3 .... P. J. Kelly
14 0 Casarri, W. Holden, 4-10-8 .... —
15 u Helping Hand, A. Smith, 4-10-8 .... N. Tinkler
17 402320 Simpson Jersey, B. McMahon, 4-10-8 .... R. Barry
18 Twinkling Boots, W. Charles, 4-10-8 .... M. Charles 5
2-1 Sergeant Rihot, 5-2 Simpson Jersey, 4-1 Casarri and Evening Flight, 8-1 Indian Captive, 14-1 others.

Doncaster selections

By Our Racing Staff
1.15 Flap Jack. 1.45 Bear's Paw. 2.15 Hunter's Joy. 2.45 Lord Brae. 3.15 Tamdhu. 3.45 Indian Captive.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.15 Crimson Glove. 3.45 Casarri.

Taunton selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.0 Frederick John. 1.30 Tudor Maestro. 2.0 Copper Bar. 2.30 Alexangle. 3.0 Pucka Fella. 3.30 Vardes.

Doncaster results

1.15 (1.16) BLYTH STEEPLECHASE (£1,269: 2m 150yd)
Royal Frolic, b g, by Royal Buck—Forward Miss (Sir J. Hanmer), 9-12-1 .... J. Burke (4-9 fav) 1
Cancello ...... D. Atkins (7-4) 2
TOTE: Win, 17p. F. Rimell, at Severn Stoke. 12l. 2 ran.

1.45 (1.46) RAWCLIFFE NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o Novices: £620: 2½m)
Drumossie, ch g, by Sovereign Path—Betty Burke (P. Muldoon), 11-0 .... A. Brown (8-13 fav) 1
Habbersupreme C. Tinkler (100-30) 2
Purple Haze S. Charlton (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 14-1 Foreign Embassy (4th), Gold TV, 25-1 True Diver, 50-1 Double You (p), Mazurka. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 17p; places, 11p, 11p, 34p; dual forecast, 19p. M. H. Easterby, at Malton. 4l, hd.
Hopeful Cid and Sirene River did not run.

2.15 (2.17) EPWORTH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,662: 3m)
Stublick, ch g, by Fury Royal—Linoso II (T. Worley), 8-11-5 J. Burke (5-4 fav) 1
Orillo ...... R. Lindley (11-8) 2
Hidden Value G. Graham (9-2) 3
TOTE: Win, 32p; dual forecast, 11p. R. Head, at Lambourn. ½l, 5l. 3 ran.

2.45 (2.46) DONCASTER HURDLE (Handicap: £867: 3m 150yd)
Paper Rich, ch g, by Richboy—Paperback (G. Tanner), 5-10-12 S. Smith Eccles (11-4 fav) 1
Master Davenport A. Webber (4-1) 2
Forest Playboy D. Graves (3-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Winscombe, 11-2 Benevolence, 10-1 Aoloway (4th). 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 32p; places, 16p, 26p; dual forecast, 56p. W. Goodwin, at Newmarket. 2l, 5l.

3.15 (3.18) TUXFORD STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £3,048: 2m 150yd)
King Weasel, ch g, by Gulf Pearl—Sound Me (Mrs D. Grant), 6-11-3 ... C. Tinkler (2-5 fav) 1
Bawnogues .... C. Smith (9-2) 2
Pavement Artist S. Smith Eccles (5-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 11p; dual forecast, 15p. M. H. Easterby, at Malton. 15l, bad. 3 ran. Timothy Jon did not run.

3.45 (3.46) RAWCLIFFE HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o novices: £630: 2½m)
Connaught Ranger, ch c, by Connaught — Franconia (J. McCaughey), 11-0 J. Burke (2-1 fav) 1
Nice and Friendly K. Gray (5-1) 2
Woody Woodpecker A. Webber (33-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Cara's Trump, 6-1 Varmotor, 10-1 Treasure Island, 12-1 Jolly Tripper, Romany Light, 16-1 Velvet Boy (4th), 25-1 Royal Flip, 33-1 Lavenham Lady, Paniera. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 41p; places, 11p, 15p, £2.43; dual forecast, 38p. T. F. Rimell, at Severn Stoke. 6l, 3l.

DAILY DOUBLE: Stublick and King Weasel, £2.75. DAILY TREBLE: Drumossie, Paper Rich and Connaught Ranger, £6.95.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Irish Sweeps Lincoln Handicap, Doncaster: Man in the Moon 9 am Jan 3. All engagements (dead): Credit Call, Flame King, Scrapalot.

Lingfield Park

1.4) HORLEY HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £696: 2m)
Sweet September, br g, by Targogan—Sweet Dreams, 6-11-0 A. Turnell (4-9 fav) 1
...an ...... A. Coogan (8-1) 2
...Trail ..... Joe Guest (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-2 Paul Alison (4th), ... Raw Deal (p), 25-1 Prindogan. 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 12p; places, 11p, 28p; dual forecast, 18p. R. Turnell, at Marlborough.

(1.32) SEVENOAKS STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £777: 2m)
Gathering Storm, ch h, by Silver—...—Dawn Barker, 7-11-9 R. Champion (4-5 fav) 1
... Friend .... H. J. Evans (5-1) 2
...ymix ...... R. Rowell (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Boxwood (f), 33-1 ...Saint (4th). 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 17p; dual forecast, 25p. J. Gifford, at Findon. Hill Fly and ...'s Master did not run.

(2.3) SOUTHERN COUNTIES HURDLE (Handicap: £1,000: 2m)
... Bird, ch m, by Grand Roi—...belle, 7-10-5 B. Forsyth (100-30 fav) 1
...ise Wood R. Goldstein (12-1) 2
...y ...... G. Gracey (7-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Dellwood Prince (p), 4-1 Debenture (f), 16-1 Frisian Mist (p), 25-1 Barrein (4th). 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 38p; places, 12p, 75p; dual forecast, £2.33. Mrs R. Lomax, at Marlborough.

2.30 (2.32) WEALD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,307: 3m)
New Formula, b g, by Dear Gazelle—Anneleise, 8-11-6 G. Thorner (4-9 fav) 1
Ormonde Tudor K. Mooney (15-2) 2
Carroll Street .... J. Fox (100-30) 3
ALSO RAN: 66-1 Guinea Model (4th). 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 17p; dual forecast, 24p. T. Forster, at Wantage.

3.0 (3.3) OLD MILL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £949: 2½m)
Scroggy, b g, by Master Buck—Rosina, 8-9-7 B. Reilly (4-1) 1
Tourean ...... M. Stanley (4-1) 2
Woodham .... C. Candy (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 jt favs Barge Master and Bredgar (4th), 8-1 Laurious (p), 50-1 Sugarbush View. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 84p; places, 16p, 21p; dual forecast, 79p. G. Balding, at Weyhill.

3.30 (3.32) HORLEY HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £682: 2m)
Peter Grimes, b g, by Tudor Melody—Martinetta, 5-11-5 A. Turnell (2-1 fav) 1
Mount Pelle M. O'Halloran (9-1) 2
Gold Claim ...... J. King (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 Celestial Gem (f), 5-1 Royal Conductor, 8-1 Dancing-in-Irish (4th), 33-1 High Value (p). 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 38p; places, 15p, 15p; dual forecast, 85p. R. Turnell, at Marlborough.

TOTE DOUBLE: Regal Bird and Scroggy, £32.60. TREBLE: Gathering Storm, New Formula and Peter Grimes, £2.10.

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12.45 (12.47) DRONGAN HURDLE (Handicap: £830: 2m)
MACTAVISH, ch m, by St Alphage—Harmonet (T. Barron), 5-10-11 (Mr C. Cundall (6-1) 1
Twidale .... Mrs G. Rees (14-1) 2
Cleo's Asp .... Mr R. Page (11-4) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Ballymurray, 9-2 John McNab, 10-1 Minimist (4th), 25-1 Carmoni Prince Dan Bornu, Flight Lass, Pettis Lane. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 54p; places, 16p, 38p, 11p; dual forecast, £5.46. T. D. Barron, at Northallerton. ½l, 2l.

1.15 (1.16) TRABBOCH HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o Novices: £666: 2m)
HONEGGER, b c, by King's Troop—Honey Palm (Mrs E. Broadbent), 11-3 M. Dickinson (2-5 fav) 1
Bargan, ... A. Dickman (3-1) 2
Bri Eden, ... A. Flint (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 20-1 Royal Budget (4th), 33-1 Fyfield, Rannordale, Sea Minstrel. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 11p; places, 11p, 21p; dual forecast, 12p. A. Dickinson, at Gisburn. 1l, 8l.

1.45 (1.47) HOLMSTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,528: 2½m)
JACKS FLUTTER, br h, by Articulate—Fine Flutter (Mrs W. Crawford), 8-10-0 C. Hawkins (3-1) 1
Lucius, .. D. Goulding (4-6 fav) 2
Tumbeleena, .. Mr T. Dun (7-2) 3
TOTE: Win, 35p; dual forecast: 23p. W. Crawford, at Haddington. 5l, hd. 3 ran.

2.15 (2.16) STAIR HURDLE (Handicap: £1,240: 2½m)
KIRWAUGH, b g, by Sea Wolf—Pryllfedora (Mrs J. McClumpha), 10-9-11 .. C. Brownless (7-1) 1
Glintop, ... J. Toland (3-1) 2
Any Second, .. P. Mangan (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Alpak (4th), 8-1 What A Slave, 14-1 French Pin (p), 65-1 Straight Phase. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 52p; places, 24p, 30p; dual forecast, 89p. G. W. Richards, at Greystoke. 10l, 2.

2.45 (2.46) COYLTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £919: 3m 110yds)
KING ROSS, b g, by Dalesa—My Ross (L. Hicks), 9-11-6 L. Lungo (8-1) 1
Lets See, .. G. Faulkner (8-1) 2
Sionnaigh Bealtine VI. C. Hawkins (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Carnival Day, 100-30 Woldyknow (u), 7-2 Giren, 16-1 The Martell (b), Young John (p), 20-1 Bal Can.. (4th), Dunquotzal. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 55; places, 11p, 11p, 81p: dual forecast, £4.50. Mrs S. Chesmore, at Drymen. Hd, 10.

3.15 (3.17) TRABBOCH HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o novices: £669: 2m)
BOBBY KEMPINSKI, ch g, by Right Tack—Tuna (A. Wilson), 10-7 bl A. Flint (7-2) 1
Bandyko, G. Faulkner (4-7 fav) 2
Rastzeslher, ... R. Barry (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 Henley Fair, 14-1 Lord Melbourne (4th), 33-1 The Latbon, Singing Span. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 21p; places, 14p, 11p; dual forecast, 17p. E. Collingwood at Middleham. 15l, 8l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Jacks Flutter and King Ross £63.35. TREBLE: Honegger, Kirwaugh and Bobby Kempinski £16.70.

Skiing

Women's World Cup races delayed a day

Pfronten, West Germany, Jan 4.—Snow fall forced postponement until Friday of the women's World Cup ski races scheduled for tomorrow, the organizers said here today. Because of the snow fall, training runs had to be cancelled yesterday.

The first downhill race was rescheduled for Friday at 11.00 GMT and the second for Saturday at 12.00 GMT.

The slalom, originally set for Saturday, will be run on Sunday at 08.30 GMT and 12.30 GMT. The men's slalom will be held tomorrow as scheduled at 09.00 GMT and 12.30 GMT.

In today's downhill practice the American, Cindy Nelson, who broke an ankle in her last world cup race in Germany at Garmisch-Partenkirchen last January, was the fastest competitor.

She covered the 1.3 mile course, technically demanding in the opening stretch but with relatively few problems on the lower slope, in a time of 1min 27.85sec.

Marie-Theres Nadig of Switzerland, winner of the opening women's downhill of the season at Val d'Isère, on December 7, recorded the second fastest time of 1min 28.90sec.—Reuter.

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Piste	Conditions Off piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm) —	°C
Courmayeur	33	105	Good	Powder	Fair	Snow	0
New snow on hard base							
Crans-Montana	30	120	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	-5
Excellent skiing conditions							
Davos	30	85	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	-2
Another welcome snowfall							
Isola 2000	70	118	Fair	Varied	Worn	Fine	1
South facing slopes heavy							
Les Menuires	25	130	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	-1
New snow on hard base							
Mürren	38	78	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	-5
Deep powder snow skiing							
Seefeld	55	70	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	-1
New snow on worn base							
Val d'Isère	45	100	Good	Powder	Fair	Snow	-2
Snowing hard all day							
Verbier	25	100	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	1
Snowfall closing some upper runs							
Wengen	15	40	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	2
Excellent skiing everywhere							
Zermatt	5	35	Poor	Varied	Poor	Fair	5
Lower slopes badly worn							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:

AUSTRIA	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	State of Piste	Weather —	°C
Alpbach	26	45	Fair	—	-3
Axamer-Lizum	—	65	Fair	—	-4
Badgastein	10	65	Fair	—	-4
Berwang	30	80	Good	—	-4
Brand	25	95	Good	—	-3
Gargellen	80	130	Good	—	-3
Hochsölden	20	80	Good	—	-5
Igls	10	35	Fair	—	-8
Ischgl	80	130	Good	—	-4
Lech	100	145	Good	—	-4
Lienz	10	50	Fair	—	-2
Mayrhofen	25	90	Good	—	-3
Mitterndorf	100	160	Good	—	-8
Obergurgl	65	210	Good	—	-6
Obertauern	140	220	Good	—	-7
Saalbach	58	110	Good	—	-3
Schruns	30	100	Good	—	-3
Serfaus	35	80	Good	—	-3
Wildschönau	—	65	Good	—	-3
Zürs	110	140	Good	—	-7

FRANCE	Depth L	Depth U	Piste	Weather	°C
Alpe d'Huez	40	150	Good	Snow	—
Chamonix	10	300	Good	Sun	—
La Clusaz	60	90	Hard	Sun	—
Le Corbier	25	105	Good	Cloud	—
Les Deux Alpes	30	650	Good	Snow	—
Megève	55	100	Good	Sun	—
Méribel	30	80	Good	Snow	—
Morzine	50	130	Good	Snow	—
Pra-Loup	30	60	Hard	Sun	—
St Gervais	50	50	Good	Snow	—

NORWAY	Depth L	Depth U	Piste	Weather	°C
Finse	135	150	Good	—	-14
Geilo	60	70	Good	—	-13
Gol	50	50	Good	—	-8
Lillehammer	20	40	Good	—	-11
Norefjell	90	105	Good	—	-8
Oslo	65	70	Good	—	-7
Rjukan	90	110	Good	—	-11
Voss	80	96	Good	—	-10

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Since 1964 the Conservatives have held office for no more than three and a half years. But it was not only the shortness of that span from 1970 to 1974 but the nature of that government that was significant. The Conservatives won power as the party not of normality but of change. That is what they promise now. They want to demonstrate after the fracas of February, 1974, that they can run the country acceptably, but they also seek to switch the direction of government policy. In other words, there is no longer a tacit acknowledgment—no longer even a Conservative claim—that the business to be run is essentially a Conservative one that for some unaccountable reason has come under different management for a few years.

So it is hardly surprising that it is now Labour that in recent years has been claiming to be the natural governing party. That was Sir Harold Wilson's fondest dream. It is one that Mr Callaghan's personal style makes him peculiarly fitted to realize. Everyone has been pointing out that he is essentially a conservative figure. Perhaps it might be better to say that he, along with Mr Schmidt, is the supreme example of the right-wing, managerial leader of a left of centre party who seems to have such a strong appeal for electorates in so many western countries these days.

I do not believe that Labour's claim has as yet been established. There has been so much dissatisfaction with all governments in recent years that I do not think one can convincingly point to any natural governing party since 1964. But it will be a different matter if Labour win the coming election. It will not be simply that their continued run in office will then give them a strong arithmetical claim to the title: it will rather be the reasons for their victory. If Labour are returned it will be partly because they are thought to have guided the country through the economic storms of the past few years, partly because Mr Callaghan seems more reassuring than Mrs Thatcher and partly because the voters are afraid that the Conservatives could not handle the unions.

Whether any of those assumptions is correct would be beside the point. Labour would have been given office simply because the electorate felt them to be safer, not because there was any specific policy that the voters wanted to be put into effect. That is the mark of a natural governing party. The Conservatives, on the other hand, would have been denied essentially because of an instinctive fear that it would be too dangerous to leave the country in their hands.

That is the danger point for any great party, especially if it loses at a time when the trend of public opinion on issues is in its favour. It is also the danger point for a country if it wishes to preserve a reasonably even balance between the parties. During six weeks in the United States, spent mostly in the intense political atmosphere of Washington, nothing struck me more than the general acceptance of the decline and dismal prospects of the Republicans even though American opinion is widely thought to be moving right, as it is in Britain as well. The Gallup poll last August found Republican Party affiliation to be the lowest in surveys conducted over the past 40 years, at 20 per cent little more than half the level of 1940 or 1944. Yet the chances of a general Republican revival—as distinct from the prospect of some Republican candidate being elected to the White House—was scarcely a topic of conversation.

One must always beware of simplistic comparisons between British and American politics. But in most western countries these are not encouraging times for the more right-wing parties. Not since 1963 have the Conservatives been in office in Canada. The Christian Democrats have been out of government in West Germany for eight years. In Sweden the Conservatives sit uncomfortably in a three-party coalition; elsewhere in Scandinavia they are out and very much out.

It would be absurd to suggest that the Conservatives in Britain may be about to become as weak as the Republicans in the United States or as irrelevant to the mainstream of political development as most Scandinavian Conservative parties. But the danger for all right-wing parties these days, to which our own Conservatives are not immune, is of coming to seem so much the obvious minority, so much out of sympathy with the concerns of the average person, that they are not elected even when their thinking is in fact in tune with the times.

The coming election will do much to determine whether that happens here, whether Britain becomes essentially Labour country that the C servatives are from time time permitted to run. number of Conservatives say that that is just about w has happened already, each Labour government t the country further to the and that each Conserva administration maintains ground it inherits. Hence the talk of pushing back boundaries of socialism. the moment I believe remains more accurate speak of Britain not a Labour society but as a sensus society that has l fashioned by the alternat of government between parties. Perhaps the most c cal political decision of will settle whether that still be so.

Geoffrey Sm

Anniversaries in 1978

The year of the artist, the poet and the martyr

c 1378 Lorenzo Ghiberti, Italian sculptor, born.
1477/78 Giorgione, Venetian painter, born.
1478 Theodoric Rood set up his press at Oxford—the forerunner of *OUP*.
1678 (?) Richard Flecknoe, poet, died.
1678 First part of *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan, published.
1678 Third and last part of Hudibras, by Samuel Butler, published.
1678 George Farquhar, dramatist, born.
1778 Robert Emmet, United Irishman, born.
1778 Joseph Lancaster, educator, born.

JANUARY

4 William Roper, biographer of Sir Thomas Roper, died 1578; Alfred Edgar Coppard, story-writer and poet, born 1878; Augustus John, painter, born 1878.
6 Dame Adelaide Genée, dancer, born, 1878; Carl Sandburg, American poet and biographer, born, 1878.
9 Thomas Brown, Scottish metaphysician, born, 1778; Victor Emanuel, first king of united Italy, died, 1878.
10 Carolus Linnaeus, Swedish botanist, died 1778.
18 James Mitchell, fanatic, executed, 1678.
19 Henri Victor Regnault, French chemist, died, 1878.
23 Rutland Boughton, composer, born, 1878.
27 Sir Edward Creasy, historian, died, 1878.

FEBRUARY

1 George Cruikshank, artist and caricaturist, died, 1878.
3 Mary Anne Talbot, "the British Amazon", born, 1778.
4 Augustin Pyrame de Candolle, *Swiss botanist, born,* 1778.
5 Giovanni-Battista Moroni, Italian portrait painter, died, 1578.
6 William O'Bryan, founder of the Bible Christian Sect, born, 1778.
Ugo Foscolo, Italian poet, born 1778.
7 Pius IX, Pope, 1846-78, died, 1878.
Sir Thomas More, Lord Chancellor and author, born, 1478.
8 Martin Baber, Austrian philosopher and sociologist, born, 1878.
10 Jeffrey Farnol, novelist, born, 1878.
Claude Bernard French physiologist, died, 1878.
12 Alexander Duff, Scottish *missionary, died 1878.*
16 Selim Palmgren, Finnish pianist and composer, born, 1878.
18 George Plantagenet, Duke of Clarence, murdered, 1478.
19 Charles François Daubigny, French painter, died, 1878.
20 George-Paul Chalmers, Scottish painter, died, 1878.
21 Mildred Cable, missionary, born, 1878.

MARCH

2 George Sandys, traveller, colonist and poet, born, 1578
3 Philip Edward Thomas, poet, born, 1878
5 Thomas Arne, composer, died, 1778
6 Julius Caesar, England and Surrey cricketer, died, 1878
16 Emile Cammaerts, Belgian poet, born, 1878
17 Francesco Albani, French painter, born, 1578
18 Edward the Martyr, assassinated, 978
24 HMS Eurydice foundered off the Isle of Wight, 330 men lost their lives, 1878
27 Sir George Gilbert Scott, architect, died, 1878
Lady Kathleen Kennet, sculptor, born, 1878

APRIL

James Hargreaves, inventor of the spinning jenny, died, 1778
1 William Harvey, discoverer of the circulation of the blood, born, 1578
7 George Cadbury, cocoa manufacturer and social reformer, born, 1878
10 William Hazlitt, critic and essayist, born, 1778
14 James Hepburn, Earl of Bothwell, died, 1578



Sir Alfred Munnings, Sir Humphry Davy, Sir Thomas More, John Masefield and William Harvey.

24 Thomas Thornville Cooper, traveller, murdered, 1878
28 Lionel Barrymore, American actor, born, 1878

MAY

An Inland Voyage by Robert Louis Stevenson, published 1878
10 Gustav Stresemann, German statesman, born, 1878
11 William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, died, 1778
12 Massimo Bontempelli, Italian novelist and critic, born, 1878
19 Thomas Gent, printer, died, 1778
22 Alexander Forbes, Jacobite, born, 1678
28 Lord John Russell, Earl Russell, statesman, died, 1878
30 Voltaire, French writer, died, 1778
31 Grosse Kurfürst collided with the König Wilhelm in the Channel and more than 300 men were drowned, 1878
John Jackson, portrait painter, born, 1778.

JUNE

1 John Masefield, Poet Laureate, 1930-67, born, 1878
4 Frank Buchman, founder of the Oxford Group, born, 1878
7 George Bryan ("Beau") Brummell, man of fashion, born, 1778
Two hundred men lost their lives in a pit explosion at the Haydock Collieries, near Wigan, 1878 *(see also* Sept 11)
24 Charles James Mathews, actor and dramatist, died, 1878
26 Albert Siklós, Hungarian cellist and composer, born, 1878

JULY

Thomas Hearne, historical antiquary, born, 1678.
Is he Popenjoy? by Anthony Trollope, published, 1878.
2 Jean-Jacques Rousseau, French writer and philosopher, died, 1778.
5 Joseph Holbrooke, composer, born, 1878.
8 Giangiorgio Trissino, Italian writer and literary reformer, born, 1478.
10 Sigismund Neukomm, Austrian pianist and composer, born, 1778.
13 Treaty of Berlin, signed, 1878.
15 James Townley, dramatist, died, 1778.
24 Edward John Plunkett, Lord Dunsany, writer, born, 1878.

AUGUST

4 Thomas Stukely, adventurer, killed at Alcazar, 1578.
11 John Christian Schetky, marine painter, born, 1778.
12 Arthur Ambrose McEvoy, painter, born, 1878.
17 Oliver Joseph St John Gogarty, Irish surgeon and author, born, 1878.
John Varley, water-colour painter, born, 1778.
18 Andrew Marvell, poet and satirist, died, 1678.
31 William Wilkins, architect, born, 1778.

SEPTEMBER

3 The pleasure steamer, Princess Alice, collided with the Bywell Castle on the Thames near Woolwich, and nearly 700 people lost their lives, 1878.
6 Titus Oates revealed details of a Popish plot, 1678.
11 A pit explosion at the Prince of Wales Colliery, Abercane, killed 262 men, 1878.
12 Cleopatra's Needle erected on the Embankment, London, 1878.
19 Henry Brougham, Baron Brougham and Vaux, Lord Chancellor, born, 1778.
20 Upton Sinclair, American novelist, born, 1878.
29 Peter Lacy, Russian Field Marshal, born, 1678.

OCTOBER

John James Masquerier, painter, born, 1778.
2 Wilfred Wilson Gibson, poet, born, 1878.
5 Sir Francis Grant, Scottish portrait painter, died, 1878.
6 William John, miners' leader and politician, born, 1878.
8 Sir Alfred Munnings, painter, born, 1878.
10 Henry Saint-John, Viscount Bolingbroke, statesman, born, 1678; John Campbell, Duke of Argyll, soldier, born, 1678.
15 Paul Reynaud, French statesman, born, 1878.
17 Sir Edmund Godfrey, JP, murdered, 1678.
18 Jacob Jordaens, Flemish painter, died, 1678; David Laing, Scottish antiquary, died, 1878.
19 Samuel van Hoogstra Dutch painter, died, 1678
27 John Jenkins, compo died, 1678.

NOVEMBER

The Return of the Native Thomas Hardy, publi 1878.
1 Mary Brunton, Sco novelist, born, 1778.
6 Samuel Phelps, actor, 1878.
14 Johan Nepomuka Hum Hungarian pianist and poser, born, 1778.
Leopold Staff, Polish poet playwright, born, 1878.
16 Karl Gutzkow, Ger dramatist, died, 1878.
23 André Caplet, French poser, born, 1878.
25 George Kaiser, Ger dramatist, born, 1878.
James McNeill Whistler awarded one farthing dam for libel by John Rus 1878.
27 John Murray, publis born, 1778.
Sir William Orpen, pair born, 1878.
28 George Henry Lewes, wr died, 1878.

DECEMBER

2 Agostino Agazzari, Ita composer, born, 1578.
5 George Whyte-Melv novelist and poet, died, 1
6 Baldassare Castiglio Italian diplomat and mas letters, born, 1478.
Joseph Louis Gay-Lus French chemist and physi born 1778.
8 Horatio Walpole, Ba Walpole of Wolterton, di man and politician, born 1
10 Henry Huth, bibliophile, 1878.
14 Daniel Neal, historian of Puritans, born 1678.
17 Sir Humphry Davy, nat philosopher, born 1778.
29 Henry Vincent, polit agitator, died 1878.
30 William Croft, organist composer, baptized 1678.

Jack Lonsd

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Came the dawn of reality for Labour HQ

One of the few remaining citadels of resistance to British membership of the European Community is beginning to crumble. It is Transport House, headquarters of the Labour Party.

While we wait an official announcement, I can disclose that Ron Hayward, general secretary, and Reg Underhill, national agent, are to pay their first visit to the European Parliament on January 17.

It will be argued, of course, that the two officials are merely making an exploratory tour in preparation for direct elections, but the Transport House trippers will not end their journeying there. Mr Underhill, and one of his assistants, are to visit the EEC headquarters in Brussels at the beginning of February.

If this is not enough to upset those Labour opponents of the EEC, then one wonders how they will react to the likelihood of the party's 12 regional organizers being invited to visit Brussels, and possibly the European Parliament, in the middle of February.

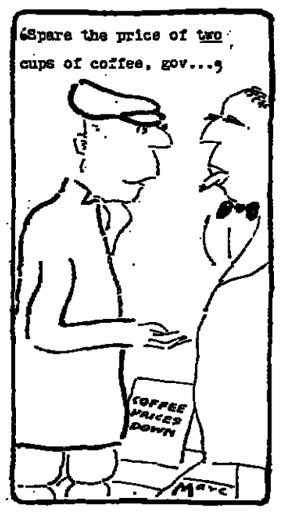
Roy Jenkins, one of Britain's Commissioners in Brussels, must be delighted that his former colleagues are, at last, beginning to recognize the political realities.

News for nose

It will soon cost you less to sneeze. The price of snuff will be almost halved from the middle of this month. It is all to do with the duty on the silky powder being abolished.

In itself, this fact is not shattering and you may wonder why I am wasting your time, and my space, announcing it.

I will tell you. As this diary is meant to record as well as divert, you should know that this will be the first time a British government has not imposed a direct revenue levy on a tobacco product since 1590, when Queen Elizabeth imposed a duty of 2p a lb.



A graffiti-smothered wall in a Clapham Junction toilet includes this inscription: "This wall will shortly be published in paperback."

How to fight the squiggle menace

Since upsetting one or two people by poking what I thought was kindly fun at their scrawl, I have detected a marked improvement in the way readers sign their letters. For this reason, I can confidently identify Mr T. G. Kay, of Harrow, Dr N. D. Fraser, of Newcastle upon Tyne, Mr J. Saunders, of Highburton, Huddersfield and Mrs Phyllis Readwin, of Boreham Wood, as just four of the many readers who have suggested an effective way of dealing with the squiggle menace.

All you need do, when sending your reply, is to cut out the hieroglyph, stick it on the envelope above the address, and post off the silent reproof to the offender.

I regret to say a sexist element has crept into the signatures affair with a letter from Mrs E. C. Wright, a psychiatrist, of Purley, Surrey. "Whenever I receive a hieroglyphed letter", she says "I ponder the writr's unconscious arrogance and disturbance.

"Of one thing I am most certain—the problem is very largely confined to males of the professional classes; it is as much a calumny to attribute it specifically to my own profession as it would be to attribute it to my sex."

In my own defence, I deny that I made either charge.

Name dropper on the line

A recent Marc cartoon about a heavy breather on the telephone who wanted to reverse the charges, prompted June Wyton, of Iron Acton, Bristol to recount this related story:—

A friend in New York City answered the telephone to be greeted by an over-familiar voice saying: "Hi—how're you doing?" She asked who was speaking. "Haven't you ever had an obscene call before?" came the incredulous reply.

Royal mother's good example

The restrained role played by the Queen in the birth of Master Peter Phillips contrasts sharply with the fuss Queen Victoria made over the arrival of her first grandchild in 1858.

Unable to be present at the event, which took place in Germany, Victoria sent out her own midwife and the voluminous notes that she had made after her own confinements. She was anxious that her daughter should not have to face the discomfort she had experienced "for want of order—and from disputes and squabbles, chiefly owing to my poor old governess who would meddle".

According to a book published today (*The Victorian Family*, edited by Anthony Wohl, Croom Helm, £7.95), Victoria was in fact, a "good layer", although she would have deplored the phrase. She had her first seven babies without any anaesthetic.

It was only during her eighth confinement in 1853, when she was attended by the suitably immaculate trinity of Mrs Innocent, Mrs Lilly and Dr Snow, that chloroform was used. As a result, many of her female subjects showed a new interest in the drug.

Shortly after the royal birth, a woman in labour being attended by Dr Snow refused to inhale any more chloroform until told exactly what the Queen had said when breathing it. Snow replied: "Her Majesty asked no questions until she had breathed very much longer than you have; and if you will only go in loyal imitation, I will tell you everything". By the time she had come round, Snow had long since left the hospital.

Airport mixture for deer

Add to your list of firms wh have been awarded the ro warrant, the name of the mill who ensure that the deer on t royal estate at Balmoral surv the winter in plump conditio

The North of Scotland Milli Company, of Aberdeen, beg supplying Balmoral with special deer diet five years a Grass mown between the r ways at Aberdeen airport dried and mixed with protei to produce a cob which se for £90 a ton.

The Coopers, Ken and Marion, who live in Datchet, near Slough, ordered one turkey, one ham and one joint of beef from a mail order firm. An invoice arrived—for four turkeys, one ham, one joint. The Coopers complained; the company asked them to cancel and reorder. Another invoice arrived: four turkeys, one ham, one joint. Three more invoices: this time it looked hopeful as all three were for one turkey, one ham, one joint. Then the delivery man arrived—with 11 turkeys, four hams, three joints. The company blamed the computer and told the Coopers to put the £150 of surplus meat to the best possible use. Local old folk now have cause to be grateful to the computer that went off its rocker.

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THE GREEN WOUND OF PRAGUE

Ten years ago today Mr Alexander Dubcek was elected First Secretary of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia. He lasted only fifteen months in office but he left behind him one of Europe's most enduring and poignant monuments to human aspirations, the memory of the "Prague Spring". It was not his creation but he presided over it and became its symbol. When he took over people saw him as an amiable and somewhat indecisive apparatchik with cleaner hands than most, but a personal friend of Mr Brezhnev and an utterly devoted servant of communism. They did not expect much change.

Within a couple of months the cultural, political and economic frustrations which had been accumulating in Czechoslovakia for many years broke into the open and Mr Dubcek found himself borne along on a wave of popularity towards the most radical reforms ever attempted in a communist system. In August the Russians invaded but failed to form an alternative government. The following April Mr Dubcek was replaced by Dr Husak, who remains the nominal ruler of a demoralized country.

These events remain important today. They exposed the tensions beneath the surface of eastern Europe caused by economic inefficiency, curtailment of cultural and personal freedom, and subordination to the alien and retarding influence of the Soviet Union. But they also showed that reforms can emerge from within the systems responsible for the frustration. The Prague Spring was in part an attempt to adjust the system to the needs and traditions of Czechoslovakia and in part an attempt to humanize and even liberalize communism. Although idealism is now diminishing in eastern Europe national consciousness is increasing, so the memory of Czechoslovakia's aspirations remains at work.

What the Prague Spring never had a chance to prove was whether it was really viable. It never squarely faced the problem of trying to combine a one-party system with individual liberty. Some of its leaders envisaged the emergence of two competing communist parties while others were willing to contemplate the possibility of full plural democracy but in practice they fell between two stools. They moved too fast to allay Russian fears and too slowly to create a fully working system strong enough to attempt defiance. Had they been left to continue the experiment without interruption they would at some point have had to choose between allowing full freedom, which would have meant plural democracy, or re-imposing controls that would have given the country an improved version of the old system. The half-way house they were trying to build in the summer of 1968 was an exhilarating experience but it probably could not have lasted as a political structure.

The result of the Soviet invasion was to perpetuate the myth that it could have lasted, thereby probably creating more trouble for the Russians than if it had been allowed to find its own way to disillusion. The idea of democratic communism was not a Czech invention (the Italians and others had been thinking about it for a long time) but the Prague Spring gave it a new lease of life by reviving the battered hopes and ideals of western communists and of some within eastern Europe as well. The invasion also forced almost every communist party in the world to take a position on the question of national sovereignty and party independence. Many split under the strain and they remain split because the question whether the Soviet Union had a right to intervene is still one that no communist can avoid. This has contributed a lot to weakening the ideological influence of the Soviet Union.

The price paid by the Soviet Union has therefore been very heavy. Although in eastern Europe hopes of dramatic reforms have died away, leaving a more pragmatic spirit within the parties and more modest hopes among populations, the regimes cannot flourish unless they find their way to respecting individual liberty, harnessing *more voluntary engagement* among their peoples, and striking deeper roots in local traditions. How far the Soviet Union will permit them to try this is still the key question of the area.

Meanwhile the heaviest price of all for 1968 has been paid by Czechoslovakia itself. It is vital that no one should be allowed to forget that one of the most cultural and advanced countries in the heart of Europe is under a military occupation that keeps in power a regime of quite exceptional mediocrity and mendacity. "*Normalization*" has failed in Czechoslovakia and it will fail in Europe until Czechoslovakia is free. Mr Dubcek has at least left that message firmly nailed to the door.

THE RISING PRICE OF STERLING

In a sense the concentration on the exchange rate for the pound against the dollar is something of an anachronism. Through so many sterling crises the headlines have recorded the slide in the dollar value of the pound. During the second half of last year the trend for once was in the reverse direction, so that once again the pound stands just short of $2. The anachronism dates from the period before the present regime of floating exchange rates, when all the major currencies had exchange rates declared in terms of the dollar which was therefore the reference point of the entire system. Today that is no longer the case. The dollar's decline exaggerates the real revaluation of sterling against other currencies that has taken place in the past year.

The effective revaluation of sterling took place in two stages during last year, while the authorities were trying to hold its value down without unduly prejudicing their control of the domestic money supply. There was a jump at the end of October and then the surge that began just before Christmas. Neither of these two upward shifts can as yet have had any effect on the level of real economic activity.

In due course, however, the upward valuation of the pound must begin to undermine the overseas performance of British industry, unless there is some *sea change in the climate of British inflation* and productivity in relation to our principal industrial competitors. Since the beginning of the present recession in 1973, for example, unit labour costs in this country have risen by some 10 per cent in dollar terms, compared with those for the United States. Since relative productivity has also fallen, it is clear that the present trend of the exchange rate does not reflect the underlying economic and industrial reality.

In the present situation the arguments in favour of the present level of outward exchange controls get daily weaker. The relaxations announced last month were welcome, but did not go far enough. The strong prejudice in some quarters that outward direct investment controls maintain job opportunities at home is without foundation in fact. For almost any company which even wishes to invest directly abroad is able to arrange the overseas finance to do so. Further relaxation of outward direct investment controls, therefore, would have the double benefit of easing the upward pressures on the pound, which are now on the point of causing industrial problems and higher unemployment at home; and of using surplus sterling to acquire productive assets for the future.

A GOOD WAY TO RUN THE POST OFFICE?

Since the Bullock Report on Industrial Democracy was published a year ago, there has scarcely been a pause in argument over the subject. Most people now accept, or are reconciled to, the need for increased participation by workers in the management of both state and privately-owned undertakings. But controversy continues over the mechanics of their appointment, the interests they will represent, the functions they will have, and a host of other issues.

Because of this, the two-year experiment of enlarging the Post Office Board, announced yesterday by Mr Eric Varley, the Secretary of State for Industry, will be watched with particular care. The late Lord Melchett, when he was chairman of the British Steel Corporation, introduced worker directors to that undertaking, but the test being applied at the Post Office is the first full-scale one in a nationalized concern. It is likely to be followed by experiments in other state corporations.

Mr Varley's announcement covered enlargement of the board, from a maximum of twelve to a maximum of nineteen members. These will work under the chairmanship of Sir William Barlow, who took up his new appointment two months ago, after working in a similar capacity for Ransome Hoffman Pollard. All seven "trade union members", as they are styled, have been named; so have four of the five independent members; and six of the seven management appointees.

Inevitably, most attention will be paid to the trade unionists. They are nominees of the various unions which watch over the workers' interests; some were selected by a balloting process, others were picked by leaders of their trade unions, presumably exercising the privilege of delegated authority. Of the seven, only one appears not to have worked directly for the Post Office; he is now a trade union official, as are two others; the remaining four are still active postal workers.

It is, perhaps, to be regretted that not all of the seven board members on this side have up-to-date experience on the shop floor. Many will reasonably object, too, that these are specifically "trade union members", as opposed to "worker" members. The Post Office provides jobs for something like 500,000 people, making it the largest employer in Britain. About nine in every ten are members of unions, and they therefore have no strong cause for complaint about the selection process. But the non-unionists total a not inconsiderable 50,000, and these have effectively been disenfranchised.

This is, however, no more than an experiment, in a large and complex undertaking, and it is possibly wrong to cavil. The real question is: Will the new arrangement make it easier, or more difficult, for the chairman to behave in an entrepreneurial and commercial manner?

The problems faced by Sir William and his new board are considerable. One of the most intransigent has been that of public relations. Rightly or wrongly, the Post Office is now the most maligned of all the state undertakings, with the volume of complaint against it surpassing even that piled on the area gas boards. Postal workers, who once were as proud of their calling as were Great Western or London, Midland and Scottish railwaymen, no longer hold their heads high.

The trade union members, it is to be hoped, will find ways of improving morale and burnishing the public image. If they are wise, they will seek to remove the obstacles to mechanization and modernization over which previous chairmen have tripped. They may also probe more deeply into the Post Office's forward planning methods, to discover why it is that surpluses running into millions of pounds are suddenly and unexpectedly discovered.

A judgment on the effectiveness of the new system will have to await the passing of the full two-year period, although initial indications give little cause for hope that the experiment will succeed. But if the trade union members forget their sectional interests, and behave as true directors should, they may yet prove the pessimism to be unfounded. If this happens, they will have done a real service both to the cause of industrial democracy and to the nation as a whole.

Out of work after school

From Sir Kenneth Corley

Sir, From time to time a case is made out for a system of compulsory national service. This may be arguable, but what surely is not arguable is the unacceptability of the alternative option of compulsory illness for the young. This evil is well stressed in your leading article "Out of work after school" (December 29).

I offer the suggestion that we should adopt a system of compulsory employment. Put another way this would mean guaranteed employment, say for a period of three years following completion of full-time education. I believe it to be well within the competence of the government, in consultation with employers and unions, to hammer out a workable and acceptable scheme. Something like it was done after the war for the employment of ex-service and disabled men and women.

It must be a prime concern of all of us to ensure that young people are kept stretched and challenged, and are not allowed to relax into disinterest, just as they are ready to apply their trained abilities to the test of real life.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH CORLEY,
Yewtree,
Wasdale,
Seascale,
Cumbria.
December 31.

Overheard in error

From Lord Stamp

Sir, With reference to your main front page article in *The Times* today entitled: "Carter plan to rebuke India over nuclear safeguards", one cannot but wonder at the motives of the radio technician who made President Carter's confidential remarks, unheard by reporters available to the press and media as he did not even achieve the notoriety of having his name recorded.

One wonders even more at the motives of the press and media who give them such wide publicity at a time when Mr Carter is doing his utmost to improve international relationships and who as the leader of the free world has the prayers of all of us.

At least, though, Mr Desai himself showed the statemanship and understanding to comment on the unfairness of the episode.

Yours faithfully,
STAMP,
House of Lords.
January 3.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Universities feeling the pinch

From the Provost of University College London

Sir, Your diarist kindly alluded to our difficulties at University College in finding funds to continue a senior post in Papyrology. Most understandably, in view of Professor Turner's fascinating discoveries in the papyri dug up in Egypt, he considered it ludicrous if we did not do so. If this post were the only one in jeopardy, we would not hesitate. But it is not. Eminent statisticians write me outraged letters also considering it ludicrous not to fill a vacant chair in an institution where Karl Pearson worked. The future of the great edition of Bentham's works hangs in the balance: if it is to continue we have got to find additional funds for editorial duties. Posts at a less prestigious level are being abolished: in the last six months I have had to refuse permission to fill two out of three recent vacancies in the Electrical Engineering department, led by two FRS and well known for its microwave research: similarly hit is our Anatomy department whose researches into the nervous system made headlines the other day.

Indeed from 1974 until the end of this academic year University College will have had to abolish or downgrade 208 posts. Of these 77 are in the academic departments. Next year their running expenses for teaching and research are being cut still further so that they will be 25 per cent lower in real terms than they were in 1977. The cash limits policy means that we have to put far larger sums into reserve for the long term maintenance of our buildings. As many of our buildings are decrepit and we live in a degree of squalor unparalleled by any other university I know—the legacy of the UGC's inability to replace war damage and meet increased student numbers—we cannot postpone inevitable repairs. If we did the backlog in the future could never be met.

Your correspondent (December 28) summarized the difficulties in which all universities find themselves in making both ends meet. When people hear that universities are being "squeezed" or certain activities "attenuated", these euphemisms disguise the fact that those things which are most curious, most challenging and most original are being strangled. The places which have Nobel Prizemen and Fellows of the Royal Society and British Academy are the hardest hit. Our students' needs come first; and areas of study such as the ancient world, where there are all too few students compared with the numbers of staff, are certain to suffer.

The universities appreciate that the Government decided to cut public expenditure and that they must contribute to this programme. Yet progressively each year the universities teach more students with fewer academic and supporting staff. At a time when phoney productivity deals are negotiated in other sectors they find themselves debarred from making a genuine bargain on pay and hours of work. Meanwhile inflation forces us to divert funds from research so that academic staff has not only less time but less help to do it. No one department is singled out for punitive treatment: all suffer: and we find here that Beta blockers no less than papyri call vainly for help.

Yours truly,
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January 3.

Licensing photocopying

From Miss Mary Vitoria

Sir, Recent correspondents who have opposed the introduction of a licensing scheme for the photocopying of copyright material share certain widespread misconceptions as to what is permitted under the "fair dealing" provisions, sections 6 and 7, of the Copyright Act, 1956. Section 6 does indeed permit fair dealing with a literary work for the purposes of private study or research.

However, in a printed work two *copyrights exist: one in the literary* work itself (under section 2), and the other in the typographical arrangement (under section 15). Copyright in the typographical arrangement lasts for 25 years from the date of publication and is infringed by reproducing the arrangement by a photographic or similar process. There is no section, corresponding to section 6, which permits fair dealing with a typographical arrangement. Consequently, photocopying a printed work by a person other than a librarian infringes the copyright in the typographical arrangement, and a research worker may copy material less than 25 years old only by hand. Alternatively, he may request a librarian to make a photocopy on his behalf.

Under section 7 the copyright in a literary work is not infringed if a copy is made by a librarian provided certain conditions are complied with, and under section 15(4) the copyright in a typographical arrangement is not infringed if the same conditions are observed. It might seem absurd that a passage which may legally be photocopied by a librarian may be copied only by hand by a private individual; such an anomaly is probably attributable to the drafting of the Copyright Act, which is notoriously bad.

The conditions laid down under sections 7 and 15(4) permitting photocopying done by a librarian are quite restrictive. For example, a librarian is permitted to make a photocopy from a book (as distinct from a periodical) without the permission of the owner of the literary copyright only if he does not know and cannot with reasonable diligence discover his name and address in order to obtain permission. Very rarely do librarians make any effort to obtain such permission. Similarly it is only the librarian or his agent who is entitled to make such photocopies; yet in many cases this is being undertaken by clerical staff with no connexion with libraries or librarians.

Contrary to the assumptions of your correspondents, the Whitford Committee was not advocating the abolition of existing rights to make way for a licensing scheme so much as suggesting ways in which widespread unlawful practices could be brought within the scope of the law.

The reconciliation of the interests of copyright owners with those of copyright users is never easy, and fears that a licensing scheme would prove prohibitively expensive and cumbersome to operate are, perhaps, natural. However, licensing schemes already operate successfully in other areas of copyright, such as those covering performing rights administered by the Performing Right Society. Germany and Sweden already operate photocopying licence schemes. These are still in their infancy and it has not yet been feasible to distribute payment to individual authors; instead, payment is made to authors' societies for the benefit of authors generally.

Yours faithfully,
MARY VITORIA,
Francis Taylor Building,
Temple, E.C.4.
January 2.

Business in South Africa

From Mr Anthony G. Cadman

Sir, I write as the "businessman with financial interest in the republic" who took part in the South African programme which was the subject of your second leader on December 23.

Whilst respecting the validity of the leader comments, I feel that those of us outside the political debate who genuinely have the interests of the population at heart have all too few opportunities to even attempt to air the pragmatic solutions favoured by the business community who are struggling to improve the lot of the workforce.

As you pointed out, the television discussion whilst well chaired was inevitably driven to encompass too wide a list of views by the diverse nature of the audience, yet it is that very diversity of views which calls for increased media attention and exposure.

Those who, like myself, are distressed by the conditions in the tribal lands are acutely conscious that the standard of living of the industrial workers greatly exceeds that available to them in the homelands, hence the increasing pressure on population movement to the towns in search of urban employment. Nonetheless, those who continually seek to raise the rewards of the industrial employee are consequently persuaded of the benefits of increased investment in South Africa, because the benefits far outweigh the grim effects of halting or reducing that investment which decreases the opportunity of highly prized jobs available to the workforce.

This is not to impugn Mr Thomas's integrity in any way, because he may well have sought to show the plight of that small section *of any workforce that will endure* painful and unacceptable conditions. However, the overall prospect remains that for hundreds of thousands of workers the high reward of industrial employment contrasts favourably with the subsistence existence of their homeland and it is to this end that many non-politically committed business people are trying to progress the case for the continued expansion of South African industry, not only as a source of ever improving employment, but as a way of directly and practically raising the standard of living of the workers.

I remain, Yours, etc,
ANTHONY G. CADMAN,
Anthony Cadman Associates,
34/35 Old Bond Street, W1.
December 29.

A Chaplin monument

From Lord Vaizey

Sir, I see that Mr Iltyd Harrington has proposed, with characteristic verve, a statue of Charlie Chaplin at his birth place. Londoners will warmly endorse the idea, I am sure; but is a statue the right memorial? As the time of Churchill's death a great opportunity was lost, for lack of imagination, and the Chaplin memorial could offer an equal opportunity for us to cheer up London which was lost when that nasty object went up in Parliament Square.

Representational sculpture in these islands is for the most part weak and it is now feeble. The statues and busts of saints, Roosevelt, Churchill, Kennedy, King George VI are so dim that they neither get nor deserve a second look.

Non-representational memorials on the other hand are often splendid. Wellington in Phoenix Park, Dublin, Dugald Stewart in Edinburgh, the Cenotaph, Nelson in London (and in Dublin till the IRA blew it up), are all examples of handsome works of art that play a vital part in the local scene.

The characteristic art forms not so far much used in London are light and water. The neon sculpture on the South Bank is beautiful and fun. In Geneva the great waterspout, the *jet d'eau*, and the curtains of water in New York and Melbourne, suggest what in our wet and grey city could be achieved by light and water sculpture.

Does not Churchill deserve a great monument of vibrant and flowing water, perhaps on the so far incredibly dull South Bank? And would not Charlie Chaplin be best commemorated by some brilliant city lights?

Yours sincerely,
VAIZEY,
House of Lords.
January 1.

Kilometres instead of miles

From Mr Angus Dalgleish

Sir, Colonel Steel (December 31) is in error in writing "the United States still stick to yards and miles". Following the Metric Conversion Act signed by President Ford in 1975, metrication is gathering speed there. At least 14 states already have some road signs with distances in kilometres.

The benefits of change do not only "accrue to foreign visitors". The increasing number of British motorists who drive on the Continent will be spared the mental *arithmetic needed to relate their* milometer readings to signposts there.

As to cost, a government which will casually squander £80m on electrification of the St Pancras line to benefit a handful of commuters can surely spend a like sum for the vastly greater number who will benefit from this change.

Yours faithfully,
ANGUS DALGLEISH,
Shouson Hill,
Ruxbury Road,
Chertsey,
Surrey.
January 2.

From Mrs P. Kirkpatrick

Sir, I would like to endorse all that Colonel Steel (December 31) says in his letter. So far as international trading is concerned, there is sense in metrication. There is none whatsoever in translating miles into kilometres, at appalling cost either to the local authorities (who are being instructed to retrench) or to the already profligate Treasury. Both, ultimately, mean the taxpayer.

Metrication will presumably mean the removal of the old signposts along our small country roads which, if not always strictly accurate, are part of the English scene and irreplaceable. For we can be sure that no government will permit the use of a pot of paint and a paintbrush to blot out the old numerals and insert the new, since that would be the cheapest way to effect the change: No: signs will be standardized throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Nor will metrication be one whit beneficial to the traveller. It will still take exactly the same time to get from, say, London to Birmingham, no matter whether the distance is calculated in miles, in kilometres, or even in inches.

It is *precisely* because we foresaw that, on joining the EEC, we should be bludgeoned into such insanities that we anti-Marketeers voted as we did, ie to stay out. What conceivable difference can it make to the other members of the Community, and what possible harm can it do to our "image", if we go our way (in miles) and they theirs (in kilometres)?

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA KIRKPATRICK,
1 Crecy Walk,
Woodstock,
Oxford.
January 2.

From Mr A. F. Willlock

Sir, May I enlarge a little on Colonel Greville Steel's comments (December 31) and your earlier editorial. Monetary losses from a misjudged doctrinaire policy are replaceable but the serious consequence of enforced changes to a social structure and method is a reduction of integrity with weakening of purpose.

EEC regulations provide a framework for commercial activity over a wide area regardless of political objectives, and the metric system (in the absence of a better numbering scale) has unified scientific methods. However, the continued intrusion of both into our social affairs is not only unnecessary but retrogressive. Those whose aim is to erect a bigger antheap should realize that variety and individuality are prerequisites for progress.

Fortunately, measurement of the people, by the people, for the people will not vanish from the face of the earth. American legislators are more sensitive to public resentment than ours and a spokesman of their Commerce Department has stated "We'll change only those things that need to be changed and who the hell cares if the other things are never changed?". Our Metrication Board can no longer alarm us with the risk of isolation.

Professional change-makers continue to look for new worlds to alter and the anomolous methods we use for time and circular divisions have not escaped their attention. Doubtless, a ten-tone music notation is also being prepared to complete the triumph of mechanical logic over commonsense.

Yours faithfully,
A. F. WHILLOCK,
Dozenal Society of Great Britain,
Walnut Bank,
Underhill,
Moulsford,
Wallingford,
Oxfordshire.
January 2.

The Moors murderers

From Professor Richard Cobb, FBA, and Mrs Cobb

Sir, One is constantly amazed at the arrogant effrontery and insensitivity of intellectuals. What *right* has Bernard Levin (December 21) to sit in judgment on the opinion of ordinary and decent people? How do Lord Longford and he *know*, what most people will doubt, that Myra Hindley, a woman of low and calculating cunning, as well as of consummate evil, is genuinely *repentant? We do not believe it.* What is there "hysterical" about hatred for utter and calculated cruelty? And is there to be no compassion for the parents of children loved and cherished, the victims of these two fiends? A minimum of modesty might have induced this self-appointed pontificator of morality to have spared us his attentions in this season of good will and family love.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD COBB,
MARGARET COBB,
Worcester College,
Oxford.
December 21.

From Mr M. A. Tatham

Sir, It has seemed to me for some time that the decision to abolish the death penalty for all types of murder was extremely unfortunate and to some extent an act of moral cowardice. Whatever the truth of this there can be no question that if we permit certain types of murderer to remain alive we must accept the consequences of our decision and not condemn them to a form of living death in endless imprisonment.

In this connexion it matters little whether we are considering Rudolf Hess or Myra Hindley. At present *there is a real danger that moral* cowardice is becoming the one constant factor in all decisions involving physical sanctions no matter whether in the home, the school, or the court.

Yours faithfully,
M. A. TATHAM,
Clod Hall,
Odell,
Bedford.
December 31.

Hands in the till

From Lady Phillips

Sir, "Increasing demand by businesses for undercover agents", *The Times* Thursday, December 29. Whilst it may be a fact that inefficiently run businesses will have employees who steal, it is certainly not true of the majority of the major retail establishments where the staff relationship is good.

If, as suggested, seven tenths of retail loss is staff theft, why is the last recorded figure of offences known to the police 180,993 for customer theft compared to only 29,513 employees of *all* businesses.

Yours faithfully,
PHILLIPS,
Director and Secretary,
Association for Prevention of Theft in Shops,
19 Buckingham Gate, SW1.
December 29

New way with the flute

From Mr Philip Jones

Sir, My dear Mr Levin. How can the delectable Jimmy Galway's tone be "unappealing" when it appeals to millions of people all over the world?

Yours sincerely,
PHILIP JONES,
20 Nassau Street, W1.

Christian names in 1977

From Mrs M. Brown

Sir, Throughout the Queen's Silver Jubilee year, Elizabeth maintained a lead over all other girls' names chosen by readers of *The Times*. The analysis for 1977 shows further that James remained the most popular name for boys for the fourteenth year in succession:

James (1)	209	Elizabeth (1)	118
William (2)	130	Louise (3)	100
Thomas (5)	105	Mary (4)	79
Edward (3)	104	Jane (2)	76
John (6)	95	Sarah (5)	70
Alexander (4)	93	Katherine (17)	59
Charles (7)	84	Catherine (10)	55
David (9)	75	Charlotte (7)	52
Robert (8)	68	Emma (12)	50
Richard (10)	67	Lucy (6)	50

(The figures in parenthesis indicate the position held in 1976.)

The list of boys' names for 1977 showns no change from that of 1976, though there are minor variations in the order. Among the girls, Katherine and Emma replaced Clare and Alexandra. Names which showed increased totals in 1977 were Oliver and Michael for boys and Caroline and Sophie for girls. Three of the more unusual names for girls were Saethryd, Synolda and Supinda.

The table for first names shows James once again at the head of the boys, although for the first half of 1977 Thomas was in the lead. Sarah reclaimed first place from Emma among the girls:

James (1)	104	Sarah (2)	55
Thomas (2)	88	Katherine (9)	41
William (3)	60	Emma (1)	40
Alexander (4)	52	Charlotte (3)	40
Edward (5)	49	Georgina (23)	33
Nicholas (6)	45	Sophie (11)	32
Charles (9)	44	Lucy (5)	30
John (13)	40	Catherine (11)	30
Richard (10)	40	Alice (7)	28
Andrew (19)	34	Anna (19)	28

1977 is notable as the year in which, after an absence of ten years, John regained a place among the most popular first names for boys. John, along with Andrew, replaced David and Robert in the list. The first six boys' names for 1977 retain the order of 1976. No such stability is to be found in the girls' list. Georgina, Sophie, Catherine and Anna took over from Elizabeth, Victoria, Alexandra and Rachel. Georgina, which has the honour to be my grandmother's name, showed a remarkable increase in popularity, doubling the 1976 total. Other girls' names which gained in favour in 1977 were Jessica, Olivia and Laura.

An analysis of the figures for 1977 shows that there were 4,098 births announced in *The Times*. Of these, 2,055 were boys, 2,042 were girls and there was one instance in which no sex was stated. The overall total is close to that of 1976, which was 4,142. The following summary shows the distribution of names in 1977, excluding the announcement of one boy to whom eight names were given and the baby for whom no sex was stated:

	One Name	Two	Three	Four	No Name	Totals
Boys	368	735	336	8	605	2,052
Girls	300	675	210	5	35	2,042

The number of twins recorded in 1977 was 47, as against 52 in 1976. Of the 1977 sets, 15 were boys, 13 were girls and 19 were mixed.

The adoptions totalled 29 (as against 36 in 1976) among whom there were 10 boys and 19 girls.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET BROWN,
7 Foxthorn Paddock,
Badger Hill,
York.
January 1.

SOCIAL NEWS

The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh will attend a service at Westminster Abbey on April 1 to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the formation of the RAF.

The King of Spain is 40 today.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Terence Rattigan will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields, London, WC2, at noon on Thursday, February 9, 1978. Those wishing to reserve seats should apply for admission cards to Martin Tickner, 110 Mountjoy House, Barbican, London EC2, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lady Zia Wernher will be held in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, at 11.30 am on Thursday, January 12. No mourning will be worn.

Birthdays today

Miss Stella Gibbons, 76; Sir Frank Hartley, 67; Dame Kathleen Kenyon, 72; Mr Bernard Leach, 91; Dr J. R. Peddie, 91; Major-General H. Quinlan, 72; Sir Bryan Sharwood-Smith, 79.

Mr D. Bruce

A memorial service for Mr David Bruce will be held in Westminster Abbey at noon on Thursday, February 23, 1978. Accommodation will be reserved for relatives, heads of foreign and Commonwealth missions, official representatives and personal friends.

In order that the appropriate seating arrangements can be made those in the above categories are asked to make application for tickets as follows, by not later than February 9: ambassadors and high commissioners to the Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, Foreign and Commonwealth Office; relatives, personal friends and others (in writing please and enclosing a stamped addressed envelope) to The Chapter Clerk, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London SW1P 3PA. An allocation of seats will be kept for members of the general public, who will not require tickets.

Study of road route

Archaeologists are surveying the 20-mile route near Downham Market that the A10 King's Lynn to London road will take when it is straightened. Work on the road is to begin in April.

25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, Jan 3, 1953

New York, Jan 2.—Federal Judge Irving Kaufman today denied the appeal of Julius Rosenberg and his wife against the death sentences which he passed on them nearly two years ago for conspiring to transmit atomic bomb secrets to Russia. They are now in Sing Sing prison awaiting execution in the week of January 11 and their counsel has announced that he will immediately take the last step of appealing for clemency to the White House. These are the first death sentences imposed in time of peace in the United States on charges of espionage, and the case has inevitably aroused much public controversy. Efforts to save the lives of the Rosenbergs are not confined to the organized campaigns associated with the American Communist Party, and Judge Kaufman refers in his ruling to the vilification, abuse and pressure to which he has been subjected.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon M. D. H. Howard and Miss C. M. V. Summers

The engagement is announced between Maurice, younger son of the late Earl and Countess of Suffolk and Berkshire, of Charlton Park, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, and Vicky, elder daughter of Mr G. B. Summers, of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Mrs E. A. Summers, of Friars Court, Hexham, Northumberland.

Mr W. A. Barrell and Miss S. Howard

The engagement is announced between Anthony, only son of Mr and Mrs William Paul Barrell, of Bulkeley, Cheshire, and Suzanne, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Howard, of Blackmoor, Hampshire.

Mr P. J. Callaghan and Miss A. Lloyd

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs N. J. Callaghan, of Woolton, and Angela, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Lloyd, of Gayton.

Mr T. P. Clarke and Miss R. M. Tabor

The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. R. E. Clarke, of Chivers Hall, High Ongar, Essex, and Ruth, youngest daughter of Mr John Tabor and the late Mrs Marjorie Tabor and stepdaughter of Mrs John Tabor, of Bovingdon Hall, Braintree, Essex.

Mr M. B. Howes and Miss C. S. R. Tubbs

The engagement is announced between Michael Bickersteth, younger son of Mr and Mrs H. E. Howes, of Danbury, Essex, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs S. R. Tubbs, of Hauxton, Cambridge.

Mr N. C. Huntington and Miss Z. H. Collins

The engagement is announced between Nicolas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs V. W. Huntington, of Bonawe, and Zara, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs R. G. T. Collins, of St Margaret's Bay.

Mr M. J. W. Paxton and Miss R. E. Fletcher

The engagement is announced between Michael Paxton, MRCVS, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. B. Paxton, of 34 Spinfield Lane, Marlow, and Rowena, eldest daughter of Councillor and Mrs Ronald Fletcher, of Greenstones, Rookery Way, Haywards Heath.

Mr C. M. Sinclair and Miss T. J. Wilkinson

The engagement is announced between Colin MacGregor, second son of Dr and Mrs G. G. Sinclair, of 1 Westercoates Road, Edinburgh, and Thecla Jane, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs John Wilkinson, of 3 Greestone Place, Lincoln.

Mr M. G. Bacchus and Miss T. M. P. Nesham

The engagement is announced between Malcolm, only son of Mr and Mrs G. D. Bacchus, of The Forty, Horpit, Wanborough, and Tamsin, daughter of Major the Rev Robert and Mrs Nesham, of Poulton Vicarage, Cirencester.

Dr J. B. S. Cairns and Miss B. E. M. Anderson

The engagement is announced between James, second son of Mr and Mrs Peter Cairns, of 1 Heslev Cottages, Kingston, Surrey, and Brigid, eldest daughter of the Rev K. M. and Mrs Anderson, of 61 Ralston Avenue, Glasgow, G52.

The Rev J. P. Cresswell and Miss A. W. Lane

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs Philip Cresswell, of Moor Park Road, Northwood, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr Peter Lane and the late Mrs Lane, of Holywell, Hook Heath, Woking.

Mr P. A. Fletcher and Miss A. M. Hadsley-Chaplin

The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs P. R. Fletcher, of Wargrave, Berkshire, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Hadsley-Chaplin, of Reigate, Surrey.

Mr H. R. P. O'Donovan and Miss M. C. Hurst-Brown

The engagement is announced between Hugh, only son of Mr and Mrs J. P. O'Donovan, of 1 Chantry View Road, Guildford, Surrey, and Marcella, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. D. Hurst-Brown, of Norney Cottage, Shackleford, Godalming, Surrey.

Mr T. D. A. Renouf and Miss P. M. Coleman

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs D. R. Renouf, of Bagateile, Gorey Village, Jersey, and Patricia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. J. C. Coleman, of L'Augres, Trinity Hill, Jersey.

Mr R. R. Sword and Miss J. E. Summerill

The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs R. W. Sword, of Estancia Buena Esperanza, Entre Rios, Argentina, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. F. Summerill, of Becket House, Pucklechurch, Bristol.

Mr N. W. S. Tufton and Miss M. T. Acworth

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs G. W. A. Tufton, of The Red House, Barkway, and Meriel, elder daughter of Major G. W. Acworth, of 5 Nourse Close, Woodeaton, Oxford, and Mrs M. Acworth, of Battle House, Goring-on-Thames.

Church news

Appointments

Diocese of Blackburn

The Rev R. E. Meredith, Rector of Preston, and the Rev H. Williams, Rector of Burnley, to be honorary canons of Blackburn Cathedral.

The Rev T. P. Spencer, Vicar of St Paul's, Accrington, to be Vicar of Woodplumpton.

Diocese of Derby

The Rev A. J. Ashton, Vicar of St Stephen's, Bowling, diocese of Bradford, to be Rector of Holy Trinity, Chesterfield.

The Rev F. Flinn, curate of St Leonard's Bilston, diocese of Lichfield, to be Rector of Sudbury and Somerset Herbert and chaplain of Sudbury open prison.

The Rev G. K. Waters, Vicar of Mansfield, to be also diocesan recruitment officer.

Diocese of Lichfield

The Rev P. D. Brothwell, Vicar of Whittington, to be also priest-in-charge of Weeford.

The Rev J. A. Gear, assistant youth adviser, diocese of Southwark, to be diocesan youth officer.

Diocese of Manchester

The Rev F. E. Baldwick, Rector of St Michael with St Bartholomew's Great Lever, to be Vicar of St Anne's, Hindsford, Atherton.

Canon J. W. Packer, Headmaster of Canon Slade Grammar School, Bolton, to be canon emeritus.

The Rev G. G. Roxby, Vicar of St John the Evangelist, Weston, Runcorn, diocese of Chester, to be Rector of St Chad's, New Moston.

Resignations

The Rev W. J. R. Edgell, Vicar of St Paul's, Bury, diocese of Manchester, Dec 31.

Prebendary I. B. Jones, Rector of St Lawrence's, Darlaston, diocese of Lichfield, March 31.

The Rev P. E. Lawrie, Rector of Todwick, diocese of Sheffield, April 5.

The Rev H. H. Naylor, Vicar of Bramley, diocese of Sheffield, Jan 31.

The Rev M. Nelson, Rector of St Paul's, Blackley, diocese of Manchester, Feb 28.

Canon F. W. Street, Vicar of Feniscliffe and honorary canon of Blackburn Cathedral, on Jan 9. He will become canon emeritus but will continue as succentor of the cathedral.



Piped on board: A piper emphasizing the Scottish theme of this year's Boat Show, which opens today at Earls Court until January 15. The show, sponsored by the Ship and Boat Builders National Federation, and the *Daily Express* appears bigger than ever, even though attendances in recent years have been well below the peak of 338,451 reached in 1972 (John Young writes): The market place is increasingly dominated by the big firms, which have done market research and standardized production. But the quality and presentation are notably higher than a decade ago, and the range of small cruisers and dayboats, in particular, is far wider. The industry, which employs 30,000 people, boasts that last year it did not lose a single working day through industrial disputes.

Archbishop sceptical of multi-faith teaching

By a Staff Reporter

To abandon specifically Christian education in schools in favour of short courses of instruction on world religions, now that Britain was becoming a pluralist society, would be fatuous, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, said yesterday.

Anyone who had dipped his toes into the ocean of world religions knew that that ocean was vast, deep and difficult. He doubted whether there were more than a handful of teachers competent to embark on such courses.

"To think that any ordinary religious education teacher can blithely embark on a course of comparative religion is to fool ourselves.

"Do not get me wrong and say we should not open the eyes of our children to the facts around them and interest them as much as we can, but do not let us think we can do it in any real depth or understanding."

Dr Coggan was taking part in a seminar in London on education, life and Christian belief organized by the Farmington Trust, whose object is to encourage teachers to examine the opportunities and challenges of religious education.

He also emphasized the importance of community help for teachers of religious education. "Thinking groups" should help teachers, particularly teachers of religious education, to sort out the fundamental questions to which parents and education should give attention.

They should press the questions relentlessly and competitively and point towards the Christian answers. "Those engaged in education can be fogged by the multiplicity of problems and the sheer physical difficulties under which they work: discipline, classrooms and the size of classes."

Many teachers of religious education were lonely and perplexed, Dr Coggan continued. He wanted to see groups of teachers and others looking at how Christian discipleship could work.

"If we can by prayer, discussion, writing and thinking make that the context, in homes and schools, of our Christian nurturing, so that students come to see the integrity of our Christianity, our contribution to the wholeness of our community and our nation would be immense", he said.

"I should like to see in every area a group where religious education teachers could go and know they would have expert help and understanding in the elucidation of their faith and teaching work."

Later in the discussion Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, speaking on Christian believing and private life, said Christianity was not ethics, a programme for social action, adhering to articles of faith, or an institution like a club. It was learning to try to love God. It was an invitation to be involved in the mystery of Christ.

"Do not rely on law": Mr Edward Holmes, Director of the Farmington Institute for Christian Studies at Oxford, told the seminar that it was no good relying on enforcement of the law if God was to be understood and appreciated in the classroom.

Compulsion was deadly. "The letter of the law continues to kill", he said.

OBITUARY

MR PHILIP LINDSEY CLARK

Notable church sculptor

Mr Philip Lindsey Clark, DSO, FRBS, the sculptor, died on Christmas Day at the age of 88. Born in London, he grew up in Cheltenham, where his father was a practising sculptor. After spending four years as a pupil in his father's studio he went to London in 1910 and continued his studies at the City & Guilds of London Art School at Kennington.

Soon after the outbreak of the First World War he joined the Artists' Rifles and was later commissioned and posted to the 11th Royal Sussex, a battalion in which he served with distinction on the Western Front until severely wounded in 1917, when he was sent back to hospital in England. He was mentioned in despatches and awarded the DSO.

When demobilized in 1919, Lindsey Clark, now married and with a son who was to become the sculptor Michael Clark, went back to his studies at the Royal Academy Schools. While there he won two important competitions for war memorials: his Cameronian War Memorial in Glasgow and the Southwark War Memorial on the south side of London Bridge both reenacted for him the horrors of a war that haunted him for the rest of his life. In the early 1920s he produced some fine portrait heads and figurative bronzes. Soon however he began to devote himself increasingly to liturgical sculpture, and his statues, reliefs and Stations of the Cross are to be seen in Catholic churches all over Britain. In Westminster Cathedral, the choir screen above the high altar and the relief of St George in the English Martyrs' Chapel are his work, as is the moving and much loved Nativity group that has been the focus of devotion there ever Chrismas for the past years.

His liturgical sculpture w the practical expression of firm Catholic faith. He had vestige of the sanctimonious his make-up and retained deed much of the reticence his Quaker forebears in re gious matters. He had litt patience with mass-produc repository art or sentimen images of saints. For hi every commission was a doub challenge: first to read all could find about the saint the event to be portrayed a then to illumine the stone wood with a spiritual imp that would evoke the respon of fellow Christians. The a tere simplicity of Chartres w his abiding model in his d to-day work, but like m good creative workers he v never quite satisfied with wh he had achieved.

Away from the studio, integrity that permeated professional work shone towards his fellow men, wh he loved to meet over a p or at cricket or golf. As e dence of his character and c timuing vitality, one need o mention that although in fifties at the beginning of Second World War, he v one of the very few who b held commissioned rank in three Services by the time was over.

Lindsey Clark was bles with a supremely happy fam life. He had six sons by his fi wife, who died in 1952, and survived by a devoted seco wife whom he married years later. His friends and many children, grandchild and great-grandchildren retain happy memories of outstanding Christian perso lity.

SIR ALAN WALKER

Sir Alan Walker, chairman of the Thomas Cook Group since 1976 and a deputy chairman of the Midland Bank, collapsed and died at the bank's head office on January 3.

He was chairman of Bass Charrington, Ltd, from 1967 to 1976 and subsequently president; a member of British Railways Board from 1969; and from 1972 chairman of the British Railways (Midlands and West) Board.

A strong and decisive character he had a wide experience of business affairs and as a young man travelled to many parts of the world with the Federation of Commonwealth Chambers of Commerce. Later he was an executive with United Molasses (a subsidiary of Tate and Lyle) becoming managing director before embarking on a period of intense activity in the brewing industry.

He joined the board of Mitchells and Butlers as chief executive in 1956, having spent the whole of his previous business career in the sugar industry. He later became chairman of Mitchells and Butlers, and on the merger with Bass, Ratcliff and Gretton in 1951, chief executive of Bass Mitchells and Butlers and chairman in 1964. On the merger Bass Mitchells and Butler w Charrington United Brewe in July 1967 he was appoin chairman and chief executive

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Although Bass Charring was always his primary c cern, he took a major part the affairs of the brewing dustry, and was also on boards of several other la companies.

He was a keen racing en siast, and also a lover of op and ballet. He was trustee Glyndebourne. He knighted in 1975.

He leaves a widow, a s and two daughters.

MR SAID HAMMAMI

Mr Said Hammami, who was killed in London yesterday, had been the representative in London of the Palestine Liberation Organization since 1972. He was well known in Middle Eastern political circles as an outspoken advocate within the Palestinian movement of a compromise solution to the Arab-Israel conflict, based on the creation of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank of Jordan and the Gaza Strip.

Born in Jaffa in 1941, Hammami shared the fate of thousands of Palestinians who became refugees in 1948 during the fighting which attended the creation of the State of Israel. From then on he grew up and was educated in Amman. Politically active from his schooldays onwards, he was for a time a member of the Baath Party, but later joined the Fatah guerrilla organization led by Yasir Arafat, whose faithful follower he became. After 1967 he was involved in guerrilla activities in the Golan Heights. But after the Palestinian debacle in Jordan in 1970 he moved to Beirut and became more involved in the political discussions within the Palestinian movement. He was one of the first to argue for a possible compromise with Israel—at that time a very unpopular notion in Palestinian circles—and it was partly in order to avoid an embarrassing confrontation on this issue that the leadership decided to send him to London in 1972.

His presence in London as PLO representative immediately became the subject of passionate protests from friends Israel in this count especially as his arrival closely followed by some of most spectacular Palestin terrorist actions in the inter tional arena, including massacre at the Munich Oly pics. But Hammami soon played a remarkable diploma and public relations talent. tactic was always to express personal disapproval of terr ism and then to bring the cussion round to what he s as the core of the problem: dispossession of the Palestin people. He won many frien in Britain not only through personal moderation, through his sense of humo and his willingness to en into genuine discussion.

After 1973 he appeared in new role as the exponent o political line which was wid assumed to reflect the real tentions of the PLO leadersh but which was never given explicit and unequivocal dorsement: the line of willi ness to accept a Palestini "mini-state" in the West Ba and Gaza as part of a gene settlement between the Ar and Israel.

During 1975 Hammami ma it clear that the PLO wou not abandon its ultimate g of a "democratic state Jews, Muslims and Christian in all of Palestine, but that might agree, as part of a ge eral settlement to pursue, th was also authorized to esta lish unofficial contacts w moderate Israelis, and at o time he was widely expect to become the PLO's first of cial representative in Washin ton.

SIR LEONARD STONE

Sir Leonard Stone, OBE, QC, Chief Justice of the High Court, Bombay, 1943-47 Vice-Chancellor of the County Palatine of Lancaster, 1948-63, died on January 3, at the age of 81.

John Leonard Stone, the son of John Morris Stone, was born on November 6, 1896, and educated at Malvern College.

He saw a good deal of varied service in the First World War and after. In 1914 he was commissioned in The Worcester Regiment and was at Gallipoli, Army of the Black Sea; later he was control officer Eskishehir in 1919-20 and served on th Inter-Allied Commission Inquiry into the Turco-Gre War 1921. He was three tim mentioned in dispatches. H was called to the Bar by Gray Inn in 1923; joined Lincol Inn in 1931. He subsequent became a Bencher and Tre surer of Gray's Inn.

From 1956 to 1958 he w chairman of the Department Committee on Hall Marking.

He married in 1923 Madelei Marie, daughter of Frederic Scheffler. They had one so Mr R. F. Stone, QC.

Science report

Planets: Television views of the surface of Venus

In October, 1975, two Soviet spacecraft successfully landed on the surface of Venus and each craft transmitted a panoramic television picture of its immediate vicinity back to the Earth. A detailed study of the two pictures has been published and shows clearly that the surface of Venus is being deformed by processes occurring inside the planet and by the effects of the atmosphere.

Two photographs taken 2,000km apart cannot be expected to provide much information about the surface of a planet, but Venus is a rather special case. It is the planet that approaches closest to the Earth; it is about the same size as the Earth and has an atmosphere. So why do we concentrate on sending landing craft the greater distance to Mars?

The reason is clear when we consider the limited information that existed about Venus. The atmosphere is so dense that the only way we can see the surface from the Earth is to use radar, that atmosphere is almost entirely composed of carbon dioxide and, as the planet is close to the Sun, it is very hot with typical temperatures of 460°C. An inhospitable environment indeed when compared with Mars, which has an atmosphere that allows us to observe the surface.

Claims for evidence of life on Mars have been around for a long time, ranging from canals to large areas of vegetation growth, and it is clearly the best planet to visit when searching for extraterrestrial life. Even after the recent visits to Mars, by the Viking spacecraft no definite answer can be given to that question.

But Venus is fascinating in its own right and for many years there were two schools of thought about the character of the surface that lay hidden beneath the dense clouds. It was either a dusty desert land or a planet completely covered with oceans. Most science fiction writers favoured the latter alternative but we now know that the regions where the Soviet Venera spacecraft landed show a similarity to some desert landscapes on the Earth.

Both spacecraft carried searchlights to illuminate the surface on the assumption that it would be dark beneath the dense atmosphere but it was discovered with great surprise that natural light completely overwhelmed the artificial light. The first spacecraft, Venera 9, landed on a steep slope with boulders lying on a bed of gravel. The boulders are not large, only some tens of centimetres in size, which is lucky, as the spacecraft landed on top of one. Venera 10 landed on a flat plain containing outcrops of hard rock.

By looking at the two photographs, geologists can extract a great deal of information about the surface of Venus. Is there evidence for rocks moving or breaking? Are the rock edges sharp, or rounded due to weathering processes? Is there evidence of layers in the rocks, or pits on their surfaces, which would give clues to the method of formation?

From such considerations the scientists have proposed a theory of conditions on the surface of Venus which they present as a compromise between the desire to propose new theories and the prudence of avoiding mistakes by saying too little. With limited information that is a common, though rarely admitted, difficulty.

The model they propose is that occasional volcanic eruptions lead to the formation of hard rock and some finer material. That fine sand is moved gently by the low Venusian winds exposing outcrops which slowly become weathered by geochemical action. If the outcrops are on a slope then they break into slabs as the surface vibrates under the effects of earthquakes (Venusquakes?).

Whether the model is correct or not, it is clear that Venus is an active planet. The surface is being changed by seismic vibrations and also by the effects of the atmosphere. Although the surface of Venus is not a comfortable place, the one small consolation is that it does not seem to be affected by the dust storms that plague Mars.

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America leads international rescue to bolster the dollar

By Caroline Atkinson in London and David Cross in Washington

In a complete about turn the United States is to begin to intervene actively on the foreign exchange markets to bolster the dollar against speculation.

Immediately after the announcement yesterday the Federal Reserve Board began a support operation described as "massive" by some dealers.

But Wall Street picked up only briefly on news of the Fed intervention.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 4.16 points to 813.58.

There was a mood of caution among investors, and brokers said that many feared that the Fed intervention might not be enough to sustain the dollar in relation to foreign exchanges.

One dealer said it was a positive psychological move which would provide a floor for the dollar but would not move it significantly higher.

Sterling closed in New York at $1.9750.

The news came too late to affect the dollar in Europe where it had earlier fallen further against the major currencies.

A joint statement from the American Treasury and the Fed just before 6.30 pm London time said that the two would now act with other central banks to support the dollar and to check speculation and disorderly market conditions.

The Treasury will use its multi-million dollar exchange stabilization fund to intervene in the markets and the Fed will activate its $20,000m network of swap agreements. In addition the Treasury has worked out a new swap agreement which is now in force with the German central bank.

As the Americans do not hold large currency reserves they cannot intervene in the way that other governments do, but need to use their swap lines.

Rumours that intervention was being contemplated circulated earlier in the day in Germany. It is thought that the American move to intervene came largely as a result of pressure from the Germans.

They and the others whose currencies have been pushed up most in the recent currency turmoil have made repeated complaints to the Americans, expressing fears that the appreciation of their currencies will affect growth and profitability of their export industries and will make it impossible for them to reach their growth targets for this year.

But Washington wanted the Germans and Japanese to take action to stimulate their economies, rather than to underwrite their trade surpluses by halting the dollar's fall.

However, the Fed was known to be sympathetic and has been carrying messages to the Treasury and to the White House that some definite action was needed if the world financial systems were not to be threatened by the continued pressure on the dollar.

Despite the accusations that Washington was happy to see the dollar fall, and was pursuing a policy of "benign" neglect with this in mind, the President and Mr Michael Blumenthal, his Treasury Secretary, have repeatedly said that they want to see a strong dollar.

However, lack of any direct action to reverse or stabilize the dollar's fall led to scepticism in the markets. It was widely felt that the only way confidence could be restored this year was for the Americans to join in an international support operation.

Now that they have done so it seems likely that the huge drain out of dollars over the past few weeks will stop and that there may be at least some reversal.

Washington's action received a generally warm welcome. A Bank of England spokesman said it was "likely to bring stability to foreign exchange markets".

In Zurich a Swiss central bank spokesman said there would be "a lot of smiling faces" at the meeting of the Bank of International Settlements in Basle on Tuesday, where European members had earlier urged the United States to act, without success.

Many people inside and outside the markets have been saying for several weeks that the dollar had fallen far enough and was now undervalued in comparison with nearly all other currencies. No private dealers in the market were willing to make the first move back into dollars, however.

The continued large trade and current account deficits in the United States will be a drain on the strength of the currency over the next year. But the recent falls to record lows against the German, Swiss and Japanese currencies were because of capital outflows in the wake of a loss of confidence by those holding dollars as reserves, rather than current account positions.

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Estimates of industrial investment are revised downward again

By Stephen Goodwin

Industry's investment intentions for 1978 have been revised downwards yet again. According to figures issued by the Department of Industry yesterday, manufacturing industries now plan to spend about £6,000m on new investment during the next 12 months.

Three months ago the department was talking of planned spending of between £6,250m and £6,500m in the manufacturing sector. This would have represented a rise of between 12 and 17 per cent on the expected figure for 1977.

The department's latest quarterly survey of a wide range of companies puts this year on year figure as probably between 10 and 13 per cent.

This is the second downward revision of these figures. In June, Whitehall was predicting investment by manufacturing companies of 20 per cent or more. To a Government which is pinning so many hopes on investment lead growth yesterday's figures must have caused some disappointment.

For the first time the department has taken soundings for 1979 but the survey goes no further than to say that a further increase is likely but perhaps smaller than between 1977 and 1978.

It would only require an increase of some 7 per cent over the expected 1978 figure to take the manufacturing sector up to the bumper investment level of 1970. If the 10 to 13 per cent projection proved more or less correct, this would seem to be a possibility.

Cutbacks by the British Steel Corporation in their investment programme are likely to have been a major factor in the drop in expectations for the manufacturing companies. Traditionally iron and steel, dominated by BSC, account for between 10 and 15 per cent of spending in this sector.

The iron and steel industry was the only one revealed by the survey as likely to show a fall in investment in 1978.

While interpreting the results for individual industries is more difficult than for manufacturing as a whole, the survey indicates that in 1978 there will be large increases in investment by the coal and petroleum products and the vehicles industries and a fairly large increase by the chemicals industry.

Rises of about the average for manufacturing as a whole are indicated for the engineering, textile, leather and clothing, paper, printing and publishing and non-ferrous metals industry groups. Little change is expected for the food, drink and tobacco and the residual "other manufacturing" groups, both of which substantially increased their investment between 1976 and 1977.

The survey bears out the department's October forecast that investment by manufacturing companies in 1977 would be up 7 per cent (to £1,775m) on 1976 levels. Whitehall statisticians had to revise down in this case from a level at one time put between 15 and 20 per cent.

For the distributive and service industries (excluding shipping) the survey indicates a rise in investment of between 6 and 8 per cent in 1978 compared with 1977. This would take capital spending in these industries to £2,220m at 1970 prices.

The October forecast for this category was for a rise of 5 to 7 per cent. Here again the survey is predicting a further but smaller rise for 1979.



Sir Fred Pontin: dominant personality

Bidder for Pontin's expected today

By Ray Maughan

Shares in Pontin's, the holiday camp group, were suspended at 37½p yesterday "pending an announcement". The market took it that Pontin's request presages a bid in view of persistent buying over the past few days. Clarification and a requote are expected today.

A successful bid, if it comes, will end Pontin's long career as a thriving independent company. Registered in 1941 by Sir Fred Pontin, its founder, chairman and still dominant personality, the group was floated five years later.

With his early awareness of holidaymakers' growing preference for self-catering villages rather than the regimented image of the traditional holiday camp, Sir Fred was often able to outpace his rivals.

Pre-tax profits have grown from £1.13m to £6.7m in the 10 years to end-March last. Involvement in holidays abroad through Pontinental and, more recently, a foray into solar panels, stand to add to growth.

The track record should place a hefty price on Pontin's in the event of a bid. Analysts are looking for earnings of at least 3.2p per share for the current year.

First-half profits to be announced in the next few days should reach about £9.5m before the loss-making winter half—which presumes a price of at least 50p per share if the group can command an exit p/e of 15 or 16.

At that price Pontin's is capitalized at more than £60m which suggests that the £80m Coral Leisure Group—widely tipped yesterday as the most likely bidder—might find the holiday camp group indigestible.

The shares are spread widely with little or no family or boardroom predominance and Ladbroke, capitalized at about £110m, may emerge as the interested party.

One of the larger leisure groups has been tipped in some quarters to make the eventual overtures, however. EMI, which has strengthened its entertainment interests, Trust Houses Forte and even Trafalgar House are possible bidders.

Healey optimism on growth rate

Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said yesterday that if there were no big deviations from the present wage round, Britain's growth in 1978 might exceed that of Germany and its inflation rate might be lower than that of France.

The Chancellor, who was speaking at the January meeting of the National Economic Development Council, also promised that at next month's meeting to review the industrial strategy Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry and he would present a paper outlining their view of the macro-economic prospects for the country.

In a paper before the council yesterday Mr Ennals, the Secretary of State for Social Services, attacked irresponsible criticism of the social security system.

It was of importance to good industrial relations that public confidence in the social security system should not be undermined by exaggerated attacks on the level of benefits or by unsubstantiated allegations of widespread fraud and abuse, the paper said.

It was disclosed at the meeting that the department has already started a study of 4,000 unemployed. This will follow up their experience over a period and give information about their income in and out of work and the effects on their employment prospects and performance.

Better than nothing, page 17

Reserves rise to $20,557m peak

By Melvyn Westlake

The Bank of England appears to have done little to prevent the strong rise in the value of the pound on the international currency markets last month.

Rather than trying to resist the tide by intervening on the market and thereby possibly undermining its control over the money supply growth, the Bank largely remained on the sidelines.

This is clearly indicated by the comparatively small growth in Britain's reserves of gold and foreign currencies last month. The reserve figures, published by the Treasury yesterday, disclose an increase in December of $163m (£85m) to a fresh peak of $20,557m (£10,715m).

This is in marked contrast to the multi-billion-dollar rise in the reserves which preceded the decision at the end of October to allow the pound to float virtually freely against the world's other currencies.

The decision to do this was forced on ministers by the sheer weight of money that was flooding into the country as a result of the intervention of the Bank of England at that time.

By intervening in this way to prevent the pound's rise, the Bank was having to sell sterling to meet the foreign demand and purchase a matching amount of dollars for the official reserves. But this sterling was then being invested in London, with the effect that the money supply was expanding at a rate higher than was consistent with the Chancellor's growth target of 9 per cent to 13 per cent.

The alternative was to allow the pound's exchange rate to take the strain of market speculation, even if the consequent rise in its value meant reducing the international price competitiveness of Britain's exports. The rise in the pound during December will certainly cause big worries on this score.

Against the dollar, the pound rose by 10 cents during the month, to reach $1.9170. Its effective rate against a basket of currencies also showed a strong increase. By the end of the year, the effective rate stood at 65.2 per cent of its December 1971 value, compared with 63.3 per cent four weeks earlier.

Yesterday's reserve figures give the best indication of how much intervention the Bank of England carried out, but the underlying rise may have been a little higher than the figures suggest.

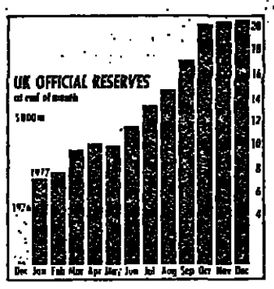
This is because there was a $208m overseas repayment of long-term debt by Britain, which more than offset a fresh $114m foreign borrowing made by a public sector body.

However, it remains far from clear how long the Bank can refrain from intervening if the pound continues its climb. Already industrialists have shown their alarm at the possibility of Britain being priced out of key overseas markets.

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April	10,130	5,892	+ 512
May	9,901	5,760	— 229
June	11,572	6,727	+1,671
July	13,422	7,725	+1,850
Aug	14,852	8,521	+1,430
Sept	17,171	9,826	+2,319
Oct	20,211	10,987	+3,040
Nov	20,394	11,227	+ 193
Dec	20,557	10,715	+ 163



Apex backs pay deal giving 17pc

The Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff is recommending members to accept a deal giving 9,000 General Accident Corporation staff pay rises of 14 to 17 per cent.

Proposals during the first formal wage negotiations between Apex and General Accident since the union was recognized by the company last May include general increases of between 8½ and 12 per cent from January 1.

A proposed productivity scheme to operate from the same date is expected to provide increases of 5 per cent for all staff. London and large town allowances and the staff mortgage scheme are also improved.

Kaunda warning on copper mine closures

Lusaka, Jan 4.—President Kaunda said, in an interview published today, that mine closures and manpower cutbacks in the ailing Zambian copper mining industry may be on the way.

In the interview with *Enterprise* magazine, a publication of the Zambia Industrial and Mining Corporation, Dr Kaunda said it was possible some mines might be forced to close.

"This . . . will be a very painful decision on our part, because it means thousands will be thrown out of employment. It may well be that we are forced to do this."

Until the drop in world copper prices in 1975, the industry was contributing more than half of all government revenues. But in 1977 the contribution was virtually nil.

Industry sources said they saw little alternative to partial closures at least. Several mines were operating at a net loss, and the industry as a whole was deeply in debt to the Bank of Zambia.

A presidential committee studying ways of cutting costs and increasing production in the copper mining industry is expected to present its report to Dr Kaunda this week.

In the interview, the President said it might be possible to redirect some of the mining workers to agricultural projects. A "back to the land" campaign is already in progress in Zambia.

"That might be the answer to this problem, but really I would hesitate to think of closing down any of the mines completely" Dr Kaunda said.—Reuter.

Gold gains further $2.75 despite selling bout

By Desmond Quigley

Gold continued its strong rise yesterday, gaining a further $2.75 an ounce to close at $171½, after some selling cut back earlier gains. Bullion has put an $9½ an ounce in the five trading days since Christmas.

However, much of yesterday's rise, as on previous days, owed more to the weakness of the dollar than anything else, although it did manage to gain slightly in Swiss francs and sterling. Domestic krugerrands rose £½ to £91.

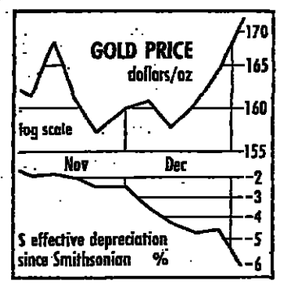
London's morning gold fix was at $172½ an ounce. However, in some good two-way trade, selling predominated as a result of some profit-taking, although there was a pick-up in after hours trading.

The result of yesterday's monthly gold auction by the International Monetary Fund, which should be known today, may have a significant impact on the course of the bullion price.

Although gold has risen 7½ per cent in dollar terms since the beginning of last month, it is down in terms of the Swiss franc as is the sterling price of domestic krugerrands.

The market was taken by surprise last month by revised estimates which showed that considerably more gold had come on to the market over the last year than had been expected. This has been put down partly to heavy Russian selling and also to the Portuguese who are thought to have disposed of as much as 80 tons.

However, it has become apparent that some investors have been turning to gold as the traditional hedge against currency turmoil.



Cut in MLR still seen as strong possibility

By Christopher Wilkins

The Bank of England yesterday indicated that it did not want interest rates to fall far this week, but a drop of up to half a point in minimum lending rate to 6½ per cent still looks a strong possibility.

Such a fall would place considerable pressure upon Barclays and National Westminster Bank to cut their base rates from 7½ per cent, perhaps to 7 per cent, although it might not produce any reaction from Lloyds and Midland, whose base rates are already lower at 7 and 6½ per cent respectively.

A lower MLR would also be almost certain to clinch a further reduction in the building society mortgage rate. The societies meet next week to consider interest rate policy after deferring a decision in December. A cut from 9½ to 8½ per cent is already expected.

The Bank's desire to restrain the fall in interest rates came amid growing speculation that MLR could drop by as much as 1 per cent. After a substantial shortage of credit in the day-to-day money markets, the Bank required the discount houses to borrow a large sum overnight and for one week. Borrowing for a week is penal for the houses and was interpreted as a restraint signal, although it was widely felt in the discount market that a fall of ½ per cent would be acceptable.

Downward pressure on rates has been apparent for some weeks, and both before and after Christmas the Bank intervened to prevent a drop in MLR. But the pressure has intensified in recent days, reflecting the inflows into sterling and buying of gilt-edged stock.

Yesterday buying demand led to the exhaustion of the £900m short "tap" stock, Exchequer 8½ per cent 1981, which was issued only last month. About £100m-£150m of stock was estimated to have been bought. Gilt prices subsequently eased, however, in the wake of sterling and the Bank's signal.

But since the downward movement in rates has been so closely linked to sterling's strength, yesterday's currency swap arrangement between the United States and Germany could halt the decline.

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Concern that pricing levels will upset exports

Brussels studies steel 'trigger' policy

From Michael Hornsby

Brussels, Jan 4

"Trigger" prices for steel imports into the United States, announced yesterday in Washington, were being closely studied today by the European Commission. A statement by Viscount Etienne Davignon, EEC Commissioner for Industrial Policy, is expected tomorrow.

It was always assumed in Brussels that the American prices would be somewhat higher than the "basic" prices for steel imports enforced by the EEC at the beginning of this month. This would reflect the generally higher prices achieved by steel products on the American domestic market compared with those in the Community.

Detailed comparison of the American and EEC prices was not immediately possible, however, because the American ones, unlike those published by the EEC, do not include customs duties, importers' mark ups and other normal extras that make up the full delivered prices of steel imports.

Only when these factors have been allowed for will the Commission be able to comment on the American prices. The main concern here is that the American prices should not be so high as to reduce significantly Community exports of steel to the United States or divert other steel exports from the American to the European market.

American and EEC import price systems are somewhat different in their concept. The American prices will trigger accelerated—but still fairly lengthy — anti-dumping procedures against cut-price steel imports. Steel entering the EEC below the "basic" price will, however, be subject to countervailing duty almost immediately.

Another difference is that the EEC system is intended only to last for three months while the Commission negotiates "voluntary" restraint agreements covering both price and quantity with the main foreign suppliers of steel to the Community.

American "trigger" prices will remain in force at least until the end of 1978.

Both the American and EEC prices are related to the production costs of the Japanese, the most efficient producers of most types of steel, although the EEC also took into account the costs of other producers. Both sides also took some account of internal steel prices.

In Tokyo Japanese steel industry leaders said they would cooperate with Washington over the trigger price system.

Mr Yoshihiro Inayama, president of the Japan Iron and Steel Federation, said in a statement that he understood the American position and would cooperate with the system as far as it helped the world industry.—Reuter.

In Berne, Switzerland advised the EEC that its steel export industry would be "unbearably" hurt by the Community's base import price levels for certain steel products and has suggested a bilateral agreement to resolve the problem.

Mr Christian Boesch, an official in the international division of the Economics Ministry said Switzerland hoped for an early positive outcome. "We wish to avoid taking unilateral measures", he said, indicating that they would do so if necessary.—AP-Dow Jones.

Japan unlikely to grant US more in trade talks

Tokyo, Jan 4.—Mr Robert Strauss, the United States Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, will arrive next week for two days of discussions. Indications are, however, that the talks will not produce any more important steps to reduce Japan's trade and current account surpluses.

Japanese and American officials here said the discussions again would be broad, encompassing planned tariff reductions, multilateral trade negotiations and economic forecasts.

A final decision on increasing the import quotas for hotel beef, oranges and rice will be made by the time Mr Strauss holds his talks next Thursday and Friday. But this is the only specific area where action is expected, a Japanese government source said.

However, domestic opposition to liberalization all but rules out a significant, or satisfactory, response even in these areas.

Mr Strauss had previously indicated he would not come to Japan for talks unless the government of Mr Takeo Fukuda is prepared to do more than already announced plans for import tariff cuts

Oil companies reject idea of reduction in petrol prices

By Roger Vielvoye

Petrol prices, after rising sharply during 1976 and early 1977 as the pound plummeted, will not make a reciprocal drop now that the fortunes of sterling are rising.

Shell, Esso and British Petroleum, the three biggest suppliers, all dismissed the idea of a reduction in prices. "The pound would have to recover a great deal more before anyone could think about a reduction in prices," a BP spokesman said.

The rising value of sterling against the dollar, the currency in which oil prices are calculated, is not the only benefit that British oil refiners and marketers have received over the past few months.

Users of North Sea crudes, notably BP, have seen the price of North Sea oil tumble from a peak of $14.35 a barrel late last spring to $13.75 a barrel.

These prices for spot and export sales are reflected in prices charged to the British refining offshoots of the North Sea groups.

Prices have declined as the world glut of oil has forced Algeria, Libya and Nigeria to cut their quality premiums.

How the markets moved

The Times index : 205.33..0.72
The FT index : 487.8..2.2

Rises

Ass News	10p to 166p	Manch Garages	3p to 31½p
Burr & Wallace	5p to 68p	Milbury	6p to 83p
British Sugar	20p to 465p	Modern Eng	4p to 40p
Durban Rood	21p to 268p	Sanger, J. E.	4p to 54p
Haggas, J.	7p to 92p	Textured Jersey	4p to 27p
Horizon Mnt	7p to 79p	Venterspost	21p to 278p
Ldn Sumatra	6p to 81½p	Westland Air	31p to 44½p

Falls

ANZ Grp	11p to 235p	Nat of Aust	15p to 185p
Bk of NSW	15p to 410p	Photo-Me Int	10p to 250p
BP	10p to 840p	Sedg Forbes	13p to 340p
Com Bk of Aust	10p to 200p	Shell	6p to 520p
Heath, C. E.	8p to 257p	Takeda Bdr	50p to 680p
Hoechst	10p to 400p	Thyssen-Huette	25p to 730p
Leigh Int	12p to 170p	Zapata Corp	75p to £9.75

Equities were dull.
Gilt-edged securities lost early gains.
Dollar premium: 68.5 per cent (effective rate 27.02 per cent).
Sterling lost 15 pts to $1.9620.
The effective exchange rate index was at 66.2.

Gold gained $2.75 an ounce to $171.875.
SDR-$ was 1.22929 on Wednesday, while SDR-£ was 0.621167.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1413.6 (previous 1421.9).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.79	1.73
Austria Sch	30.75	28.75
Belgium Fr	66.25	63.25
Canada $	2.22	2.17
Denmark Kr	11.62	11.22
Finland Mkk	8.05	7.80
France Fr	9.40	9.08
Germany Dm	4.26	4.04
Greece Dr	82.50	79.00
Hongkong $	9.20	8.70
Italy Lr	1735.00	1675.00
Japan Yn	495.00	470.00
Netherlands Gld	4.59	4.37
Norway Kr	10.23	9.87
Portugal Esc	90.00	84.50
S Africa Rd	2.07	1.94
Spain Pes	170.25	164.25
Sweden Kr	9.37	9.02
Switzerland Fr	3.96	3.74
US $	2.03	1.98
Yugoslavia Dnr	39.75	36.75

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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PO board's union men named

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worker directors in his company—Ransome Hoffman Pollard, ballbearing manufacturers—at that time. This was because he believed such an experiment required as a prerequisite detailed consultations at plant and local level.

But the Post Office was entirely different. It had already had area and regional consultations for several years so the ground was well prepared.

He believed the Post Office experiment would help the quality of decision-making. It might also speed the implementation of decisions.

Neither Mr Varley nor the trade union members believed there would be any difficulties in reconciling trade union responsibilities and the responsibilities of membership of the Post Office board.

Sir William said that one of the first things he would ask the board to do would be to look at criteria for monitoring the experiment.

The Department of Industry is committed to laying a report on the experiment before Parliament.

Mr Varley avoided being tied down on the question of whether the recommendations of the Carter Committee on the Post Office—that the corporation should be split—might lead to the interruption of the industrial democracy experiment before the two years were up.

He said that the general view of the Government was that those industries in the public sector which were sponsored by his department should bring forward proposals on industrial democracy. He had already received an interim report from British Aerospace and was expecting a report shortly from British Shipbuilders.

Trade union members of the new board are: Mr Ron Barrett, chairman of the Post Office Management Staffs Association; Mr Fred Moss, general treasurer of the UPW since 1963; Mr Ivan Rowley, organizing secretary of the UPW; Mr Peter Shaw, research officer of the POEU; Mr Arthur Simper, executive council member of the POEU since 1969; Mr Robert Thomas, president and chairman of the Society of Post Office Executives; and Miss Nina Williams, a member of the group executive committee of the Civil and Public Services' Association—Posts and Telecommunications Group. The trade union members have waived their entitlement to £1,000 a year as part time board members.

Independent members include: Lord Winstanley; Mr Derek Gladwin, a regional secretary of the National Union of General & Municipal Workers; Mrs Janice Walsh, manager of the Consumer Advice Centre of the London Borough of Islington; and Mr Peter Walters, a managing director of British Petroleum.

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Matthew Brown
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Extract from the Report and Accounts to 1st October, 1977

RESULTS AT A GLANCE—in £'000	1977	1976
Turnover	17,278	15,657
Trading profit	3,540	3,144
Depreciation	(496)	(375)
Interest payable	(21)	(195)
Profit on property disposals	77	26
Profit before tax	3,100	2,600
Profit after tax	1,529	1,257
Earnings per share	9.04p	8.94p
Dividends per share	3.92p	3.51p

52 weeks in 1977 as compared with 53 weeks in 1976.

Points made by the Chairman, Mr. Cyril Ainscough in mid-December '77

* Trading profit is up 12½% but, with bank interest greatly reduced by rights issue proceeds, pre-tax profit is up 19%.
* Against national trend, total beer sales averaged 2½% growth, including 11% up on all lager despite unfavourable summer.
* Installations for Skalom Lager production complete. Over £6,000,000 has been spent on assets in the last four years.
* Improved beer trade since September is helping to offset narrowing margins and generating hopes for another good year.

Department of Employment Gazette records 9 million total over 11 months

Last year's disputes trebled working days lost

Working days lost in Britain because of industrial disputes were almost three times greater in the first 11 months of 1977 than in the comparable period of 1976.

Last year is shown clearly to have been the worst year for strikes since 1974, when the coalminers' stoppage made a significant contribution to the total of days lost. In both 1975 and 1976 there were fewer strikes.

Latest figures are provided in the Department of Employment Gazette, published yesterday. The number of days lost beteen January and November reached 8,976,000, against 3,096,000 in the same period of 1976. The number of workers involved rose to 1,077,700 from 631,000 and the number of stoppages to 2,523 from 1,913.

However, in spite of the country's troubled industrial record in the 1970s, Britain is shown in separate figures to have fared better on average in recent years than several other countries.

Out of a list of 17, Australia, Canada, Finland, India, Denmark, Italy and the United States all lost more days per 1,000 workers from 1972-1976.

This is in spite of the fact that the period covers both the miners' strikes of 1972 and 1974.

According to these international comparisons—based on information supplied by the International Labour Office—Britain comes roughly half way down the strikes league table. Those countries with a better record were Belgium, West Germany, France, the Irish Republic, Japan, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden.

In most cases the figures relate to minnig, manufacturing, construction and transport industries. Although the average number of days lost in Britain during the five-year period, amounted to 968 per 1,000 workers, dwarfs that for Sweden, with the best record—16 per 1,000 workers—the figures do put the "British disease" in perspective.

On this evidence, strikes would seem to be far from an exclusively British problem, but there has been a clear deterioration in this country between the 1972-1976 uperiod and the previous five years.

Yesterday's published figures for 1977 show that a substantial proportion were experienced in the particularly troubled industries of shipbuilding, vehicle and metal manufacture and engineering.

These accounted for about two-thirds of all days lost between last January and November. They also accounted for much of the increase in strikes between 1976 and 1977.c

There was also a sharp rise in the number of days lost in the textile, clothing and footwear industries, as well as in the transport and communications areas and in "all other industries and services".

The construction industry was the only one to show a significant improvement.

Overtime working in industry on increase

An increase in employees working overtime in manufacturing industry and a sharp fall in short time was recorded during October, according to figures published yesterday in the Department of Employment Gazette.

The department's mid-October sampling exercise showed that 1,886,000 operatives in manufacturing were working overtime—nearly 6 per cent higher than a month earlier and the highest level since May.

About 35.8 per cent of all operatives were working a total of 16.32 million hours of overtime.

This suggests that manufacturing industry was working rather more intensely in October than in the summer months, although the level of overtime cannot be viewed in isolation from the levels of total employment and productivity.

The figures are consistent with the improvement in the jobless total, but somewhat inconsistent with what is known about the depressed level of output.

But the figures also show a fall in the number of operatives laid off for all, or part, of a week. There were 13,000 laid off for a whole week at the time of the Department's sampling in mid-October, compared with 22,000 at mid-September.

Earnings higher in the public sector

Employees in the publi csector were on average receiving higher gross weekly earnings than employees in the private sector at the time of the last Department of Employment survey, according to the Gazette.

Manual and non-manual male and female workers (full-time men, aged 21 and over, and full-time women, aged 18 and over) are covered by the survey, which monitors earnings in April of each year.

Leyland toolmakers threaten wider strike

By Clifford Webb

Leyland Cars faces the prospect of another strike by the 3,000 "rebel" toolmakers whose month-long stoppage last March cost 50,000 cars and precipitated another cash flow crisis. This time the toolmakers are threatening even more damage by inviting the 14,000 other craftsmen to join them.

The toolmakers' unofficial negotiating committee met in a Birmingham public house yesterday. Afterwards Mr Roy Fraser, their leader, said: "We are recommending to our full committee meeting on Saturday that they should give notice of dispute action to the company. We are also going to the next meeting of the craftsmen's committee to invite them to join in this action".

Asked what form the dispute would take he replied: "I would not rule out strike action. But the precise form will be decided only when we have held shopfloor meetings with all our members'.

Mr Fraser accused the company and union leaders of failing to honour commitments given to toolmakers in March to persuade them to return to work. There had been "absolutely no progress on the question of common rates of pay for all toolmakers, and the restoratin of skiled dfferentals."

R. W. Shakespeare writes: Shop stewards at the strike-bound Triumph car plont on Merseyside have accuned the company of deliberately spreading reports that the operations there could be closed permanently with the loss of 6,000 jobs, in order to break the strike.

The stewards, who have been leading the two-months-old strike by 2,000 workers at the Speke, Liverpool, plant, made their allegations in a bulletin that will be circulated to all of the 6,000 workers

They claim that reports that the plont may be axed by Leyland resulted from a "management inspired leak" to the presn. They suggest that this move was designed not only to weaken the determination of the strikers, but to undermine the authority of shop stewards.

The dispute stems from a claim by shop stewards that the company is breaching local agreements by introducing changes in manning scales and production schedules.

Officials of the Advisory, Concilliation and Arbitration Service have invited management and officials of the Amalgamared Unon of Engineering Workers and the Transport and General Workers Union to fresh talks in London tomorrow.

Last night a British Leyland spokesman said: "We are not going to comment on the allegations being made by the Speke stewards, other than to say again that a number of our car manufacturing operations both at home and abroad are currently under deview and that this review does include the Triumph plant at Liverpool."

Brussels sees growth rate at 3.5pc

Brussels, Jan 9.—The economic situation in the European community during the first half of 1978 will probably be marked by a low level of growth in demand and production, despite measures to stimulate the economy already implemented in some of the Community's nine member states, the Commission says.

In a "working document" published today, the Commission also gave warning that there is the possibility of a further worsening in the labour market which has nearly six million unemployed, or a jobless rate of 5.7 per cent.

If measures announced by member states to stimulate national economies are implemented without delay, a growth in the Community's gross national product of the order of 3.3 per cent to 3.5 per cent can be expected this year as compared to about 2.3 per cent in 1977.

This would be below the 4 to 4.5 per cent target adopted by Community Finance Ministers at a meeting in October. The Commission stressed the necessity to increase sharply demand by means of additional measures.

A considerably faster growth of domestic demand in the "strong" member states, such as West Germany, is a necessary condition for improving employment and the aggregate results for the Community as a whole, the commission said.

London's hotels third most costly in Europe

London is the third most expensive major city in Europe for first-class hotel tariffs after Paris and Geneva, according to a new survey by Pannell Kerr Forster, management consultants.

The rise in hotel tariffs last year, probably around 22 per cent overall, was the reason for London's deterioration from fourth most expensive capital in the single bedroom category and fifth in the double room category.

London will continue to become more expensive, according to the consultants, who estimate that an average single rate in the capital of £34.60 will by the end of this year rise to £37.61 a night. The tariff estimates include breakfast.

GBS, consultant to the trade, forecasts an increase in foreign tourism revenue of £500m to £3,500m, based on 5 per cent more visitors and a 10 per cent increase in spending.

Growth in visitors is likely to be from Community countries with the North American market probably showing lower growth rates, GBS forecasts.

W German jobless top million for third year

West Germany's unemployed increased, because of seasonal factors, by 86,400 to 1,090,700 last month. At the end of 1977 almost the same number of people were seeking a job as at the end of 1976.

In brief

Unemployment averaged 1.03 million, 4.5 per cent of the working population last year, compared with an average of 1.06 million, 4.6 per cent in 1976.

Last year was the third running in which unemployment in Germany has averaged more than a million.

A feature of the figures is the relatively large number of those seeking part-time employment. At the end of December, nearly 193,000 people came into this category and all but 2,000 were women.

EEC steel output falls

Crude steel production in the European Community was 126,365,000 metric tons in 1977, off 5.8 per cent from 134,156,000 tons in 1976, according to a preliminary estimate by Eurostat, the EEC statistics office, published yesterday.

The 5.8 per cent decline last year contrasted with a 7.1 per cent rise in output in 1976 over 1975 and reflected the seriousness of the steel industry's situation in the Community.

The Community has decreed minimum and guide prices for almost all domestic rolled steel products and has introduced base prices for imported steel, effective until the end of March.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Challenging the solicitors conveyancing monopoly

From Mr M. C. Dobbs

Sir, As a newly admitted solicitor I am astonished to discover how lucrative conveyancing is. From my own experience I know that few conveyances require more than one day's work and that the average charge is £200. Thus a solicitor's practice which consisted of one partner and one secretary could take in gross fees about £44,000 from conveyancing. This would provide a reasonable enough living for a solicitor.

I was, however, astonished to be told by an experienced legal executive employed by a very reputable firm of solicitors that he did over 500 conveyances last year. This means that he brought about £100,000 in fees to his firm. The overheads attributable including his salary are unlikely to be more than £15,000 a year. Thus he makes a profit for his firm of £85,000 per year.

The only way of remedying this matter would be the implementation by the Law Society of the recommendation of the Office of Fair Trading about advertising (and this could hardly lower the respect in which solicitors are held more than the recent advertising campaign by the Law Society) and by solicitors losing their conveyancing monopoly.

Yours faithfully,
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December 22.

From Mrs Patricia L. Wilcox

Sir, I don't know why the word gazumping was ever invented, or alternatively a word not found for "unhappy vendor".

Before the tables are turned from a buyer's to a seller's market no one sheds a tear for the unhappy vendors who suffer untold hardship, worry and expense when house sales are difficult, and their recently built houses are on offer at thousands under rebuilding cost; nor for the scores of bankrupt builders.

The vendor has huge expenses of interest, advertising costs, upkeep of house and garden and now even rates on the vacant house.

Buyers don't honour *their* agreements for reasons such as: they found a house that suited them better, their buyer forced them down a couple of thousand, they decided not to remarry, their insurers valued your nearly new house at 50 per cent of rebuilding cost, their new job did not materialize, etc, etc. There is no legal protection for the seller, so why for the buyer, who has had little expense and inconvenience?

Some people want to have their cake and eat it too; because after holding off too long before the upturn comes and prices move towards normal, they scream gazumping: it's just bad sportsmanship!

Yours sincerely,
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Applying 'Robin Hood Principle' in the selection of directors

From Mr Clifford Jackson

Sir, In his letter of December 22 ("Securing chief executives of the right calibre"), Lord Wilfred Brown makes many cogent points, among which are that:

—existing boards are self selecting
—too many non-executive directors lack operational experience
—every board should obtain the services of active managers of non-competing companies.

How right he is! But he might well also have mentioned that too few boards have any truly outside directors of whatever calibre.

He also calls for action.

May I suggest that the "Robin Hood principle" be taken up by the Institute of Directors, or by the CBI—or as a last resort by the politicians? The "Robin Hood Principle" entails that:

1 large companies be encouraged to release active successful managers, to a cadre;

2 a "person specification" of a director be prepared and panels set up to vet such managers for "director potential" and inclusion in the cadre;

3 all companies be encouraged to appoint two or more "approved directors" to their boards from the cadre.

Thus the Robin Hood Principle would improve the performance of many a company in competition with companies in other countries and would meet the current wish for the spread of "industrial democracy", and that "justice be seen to be done".

Meanwhile companies should make sure that all outside non-executive directors are recruited as openly and as professionally as are their senior managers.

Yours faithfully,
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December 29.

Legal advice available to Crown Agents

From Mr S. Kumar Agarwala

Sir, Your readers—and the pr[oposed] public inquiry—may [be] interested in a sidelight on t[he] Crown Agents affair.

I made an unsolicited inqui[ry] to the personnel department [of] the Crown Agents early in 19[..] for information on any possib[le] vacancies that might be ava[il]able with them for lawyers, [as] the work of the Crown Agen[ts] did and does interest me [...] valuable.

The reply, saying that the[re] were no suitable vacancies [in] which I could be consider[ed] added by way of explanatio[n] "As a general rule our st[aff] although not civil servants [are] employed and recruited on c[ivil] service terms. The f[ew] specialists which we have [re]cruited outside these chann[els] have not so far included l[aw]yers."

It seems extraordinary to [me] that such a body should [not] have, as appears from the ab[ove] remarks, a legal department [in] common with most large co[m]panies and government bod[ies] of all kinds.

There may be some perfec[tly] satisfactory explanation of [this] intriguing point; perhaps so[me] reader can shed light?

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Extended bank holidays

From Mr N. G. Gambier

Sir, I had intended to go to [my] local branch of Barclays B[ank] this afternoon (December [..]) as I always do on Friday a[fter]noons, to pay in my week's [tak]ings and draw out the w[eek's] wages.

But at 12.30 I learnt from [an] employee, who had just [tried] to draw out her Chris[tmas] spending money, that we [were] both foiled by a locked [door] which would not be opene[d until] next Wednesday.

Monday is admittedly [de]signed by a kindly governm[ent] as a Bank holiday, but [it] seems to be not enough [for] them. It never crossed my m[ind] that they would not be [open] for the usual hours today; [as] everyone else seems to be. W[hat] an example of industry!

Yours faithfully,
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Gilts and the dollar

The discount market was yesterday interpreting the Bank of England's restraint signal as compatible with a drop in Minimum Lending Rate tomorrow of half a point to 6½ per cent and on that basis was already talking abouthow much farther it might drop next week.

The market has been gripped again by the kind of euphoria which prevailed last autumn but after the abrupt change in American foreign exchange market policy and the adoption of an apparently new interventionist philosophy there must now be real questions about whether the downward pressure on rates will be halted in its tracks.

Much will depend on whether the markets will accept that the presence of the swap and the willingness of the American authorities to intervene, if only to smooth violent fluctuations, is sufficient to stabilize the dollar.

This is essentially a matter of confidence and credibility since it is by no means clear that the Americans will be prepared to stand in the market to maintain a specific parity for any length of time. That would indeed be a breach with deeply held views.

But if the dollar were now to stabilize it could have a considerable impact on British financial markets. It is true that the scale of gilt sales recently has been such as to eliminate fears about the money supply in the present financial year, and that prices have consequently benefited. New gilt sales totalled about £1,000m in the December banking month and are already about £1,200m in the present month, so there is a possibility that money supply could actually fall.

The real strength of the gilt market, however, has derived from the weakness of the dollar and the buoyancy of sterling. The markets have reasonably concluded that the inflows into sterling and gilts could only be checked if interest rates were allowed to fall. If the inflows dried up of their own accord because of a stable or stronger dollar the case for a precipitate decline in interest rates now—given that most expectations are for them to rise later—would be much less pressing.

If, on the other hand, the foreign exchange markets are not impressed, it is most unlikely that a half point cut in MLR would suffice.

Eurobonds

After another record year

With some $15,000m of new bonds issued, 1977 has been another record year for the Eurobond market, exceeding the 1976 total by some 35 per cent. But all the strength lay in the first three quarters of the year, and the difficulties of the final quarter hold out few hopes that 1978 will see a repeat of last year's new issue volume.

In the face of a simultaneous collapse of the dollar and a rise in both short and long term dollar interest rates bond prices have dived, and the only surprise is that, despite these adverse circumstances, the market has just absorbed a $500m issue from Shell, $150m from Inco, $100m from *Nacional Financiera* and other smaller offerings besides. The European Investment Bank is now seeking $200m as well. So it is far from defunct and is showing some real underlying resilience.

The problems for 1978 are twofold. First, the prospect is for a continuing rise in interest rates, albeit of modest proportions; second, for the moment at least there is still deep uncertainty about where the dollar might stabilize; third, the change in interest rate structures means that issuing houses and dealers in the bond market are now paying almost as much in short term borrowing costs as they are earning on their bond portfolios.

This inevitably discourages the holding of substantial bond books and reminds many professionals of the disasters suffered by some back in 1974 when short rates were consistently higher than long rates.

But the experience of the past year suggests that, however cloudy the outlook, it only takes a short period of stable conditions for issues again to find a market. Institutional liquidity has to find an outlet somewhere, and Orion Bank has forecast that maturities in 1978, including both interest and principal, will total over $6,000m, much of which is likely to be channelled straight back into the Eurobond market, providing at least a partial prop to prices.



● *A fairly steady profits advance by Westland Aircraft, chaired by Lord Aldington (above) over the past five years has been well and truly dented by the latest figures, although with the interim warning from the group and Fairey's well-publicized troubles the market had been expecting the worst. Even so, the shares closed 3½p higher at 44½p despite the drop in pre-tax profits from £9.34m to £5.84m.*

At the root of Westland's woes is the Lynx helicopter contract with the Ministry of Defence. Here trade union troubles and the effect of inflation on 1973 fixed-price contracts have sent the costings haywire and the group has had to make a £2.6m provision in the helicopter division.

The Lynx contract lasts until 1979 and Westland looks as though it will do well to make any money at all from it. For the rest helicopters chipped in £4m at the pre-interest level thanks chiefly to product support but the return on capital employed approaching £60m speaks volumes for the underlying position.

Compounding the group's troubles last year were provisions as well on the hovercraft side which more than halved its contribution to £1m. Taking these two together the effect was to cut Westland's profits by £6.5m.

A difficult year has not left the balance sheet unscathed although progress payments take some of the pressure off working capital. Even so interest charges have almost doubled to £3m indicating an increase in net borrowings to around £38m or about 70 per cent of shareholders' funds.

Thos W Ward

Evidence of something better

Thos W. Ward is paying the maximum increase in dividend for the year with its final having merely maintained the interim payment. So, after five years of stagnant profits there are signs that it is coming to grips with its problems. The second half of the year to September held up better than expected and a decline of only 6 per cent for the full twelve months' profits to £7.6m put the shares 4p better at 59p.

Motor distribution did well in line with results elsewhere but an improvement in the cement dominated construction division where profits moved up from £2.9m in the latter six months of 1976 to £3.4m in the second half of 1977, so bucking a trend in an industry which has generally seen declining volume. The explanation seems simply to be that the areas served by Ward in the North of England have remained more buoyant than in the country as a whole.

Against this, with scrap prices and volume in the doldrums this division is providing more than half the trading profits.

Gearing is coming down, if slowly, from 83 per cent to around 77 per cent, and the 30 per cent stake in Tunnel Cement could at last be placed for the £8.4m the price paid for it. Ward's shares have been bought for some time for their yield, now 10.8 per cent. With scrap unlikely to get worse and improvements in other divisions, some re-rating looks possible.

Economic notebook

A basket not to be taken lightly

In March, 1976, when the pound plummeted below the so called "two dollar barrier" few would have guessed that it would make a rush back towards it less than two years later.

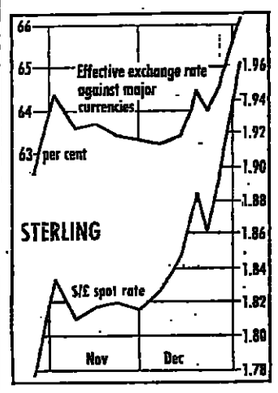
Despite the confused first reports from the markets yesterday morning sterling did not, in fact, manage to top the two dollar mark, at least not in the spot market. The market hesitated before the psychological barrier yesterday and closed 15 points down on the day even before the news from the United States.

Now that the Americans have done what the market has been waiting for and shown their clear intention to intervene to support the dollar by activating a swop line with the Germans, the pound may not make it over the top.

However sterling has been much stronger than officials expected it to be when the "uncapping" took place two months ago. This could, of course, be reversed if yesterday's move marks a change in the trend of the dollar.

Much of the pressure on the pound has come from the attempts of dollar holders to find a safer home for their money than the fast depreciating American currency. London with its sophisticated capital markets became an obvious place once the market saw clear signs of Britain's improving performance on trade and inflation and got over its nerves about a pay explosion.

In the last few days sterling has led the pace, along with the Swiss franc, in the rise against the dollar. This suggests that sterling could also lose more than the others on the way back.



It was the failure to predict the dramatic weakening of the dollar which most upset estimates of the pattern of exchange rate movements last year and which most complicates the present outlook for the pound. However, it is somewhat anachronistic to concentrate on the pound-dollar rate, even if it is the one most dear to the British public.

The Government has concentrated its attention on the trade-weighted index of exchange rates since June last year. This attempts to measure the average effect on Britain's trade position of the pound's movement against 21 other currencies. (It is unfortunately a little out of date, as it is based on the trade flows of 1972.)

The importance of each country's currency in the index is decided by the value of the country's trade with Britain and by the extent to which it competed with Britain in third markets.

A 1 per cent movement in the index is intended to be equivalent—in terms of its effect on Britain's trade balance—to an across-the-board change of 1 per cent in the pound's value against each and every currency.

Before yesterday's announcement of the new American move to support the dollar, sterling showed a year-on-year rise of about 8½ per cent on the effective rate index and was touching levels last reached in the spring of 1976.

Weight of some currencies in the pound's effective exchange rate*

%†	
33	US dollar
13	Deutche mark
12	French franc
11½	Japanese yen
6	Italian lira
4	Swiss franc
3½	Belgian franc
3	Dutch guilder
2½	Canadian dollar

* Weights according to the importance of Britain's trade with each country and of competition in third markets, as used by the Bank of England to calculate sterling's trade-weighted effective exchange rate index.
† Not all currencies in the index are shown.

It may lose some of this gain in the wake of a dollar revival. However, many in the market would expect it to hang on to such improvement as has been made against other currencies, even if it relinquishes some ground against the dollar.

As the table shows, the dollar is far and away the most important currency in the "basket". Sterling's improvement against other key currencies has been less than might be thought. Indeed, in the last year it has fallen against the Swiss and Japanese currencies, although the last two weeks have wiped out nearly half the fall against the yen, leaving it at about 6½ per cent since January, 1977.

The pound has, however, strengthened over the year against the German mark (by 1 or 2 per cent), the French franc (by just under 8 per cent) and the Italian lira (by about 14 per cent).

But if the comparison is pushed back another year, the pound has lost nearly a quarter of its value against the Deutsche mark and yen and nearly a third against the Swiss franc. It is little changed from its January, 1976, level against the French franc and has gained about 23 per cent in terms of the lira.

However, this ignores the widely different movements in domestic prices since then. Most measures of competitiveness show that the great gain from sterling's crash in 1976 has now been wiped out. Naturally enough, exporters are complaining about the danger this poses to their sales.

There is much controversy about the extent to which exchange rate movements can effect a lasting change in relative prices and therefore competitiveness between countries. There is considerable evidence to show that British exporters price their goods with respect to world prices in sterling.

In other words, a fall in the value of the pound leads to a compensating rise in exporters' prices in sterling terms rather than a fall in prices expressed in other currencies. This was seen to some extent during 1976.

Although this wipes out the competitive advantage gained by exporters when the currency drops, it does lead to increased export profits. Just as the 1976 fall in sterling effected a switch from real incomes to profits the opposite could happen with a rising pound.

It is much less clear that a change in the exchange rate will feed right through to all domestic prices, at least within a short time. Would the unions moderate their wage demands if sterling's recent rises were maintained?

If not, that rise would make the achievement of this year's growth target less likely, albeit with the chance of a slower rate of inflation.

It is for that reason that most of the Government's official advisers will welcome the United States move

Caroline Atkinson

The industrial strategy —not much but better than nothing?

Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, told industrial and trade union leaders at yesterday's meeting of the National Economic Development Council that one of the major tasks facing them over the coming months was to get over to the man on the shop floor just what the industrial strategy meant at his level.

They may have a problem. Ask any 10 people involved in drawing up the strategy precisely what it is and you will get 10 different answers. And if it is difficult to say what it is, it is infinitely more difficult to say whether or not it is working. It all depends what you mean by the industrial strategy.

On November 5, 1975, Sir Harold Wilson, the then Prime Minister, raced back from Chequers flanked by Cabinet colleagues, mounted the platform in the Treasury's first floor conference room and announced what he called an approach to a new industrial strategy.

Two years on many people are still unclear what the whole exercise is about. Mr Bernard Asher, the acting director general of the National Economic Development Office, who is filling the gap between the departure of Sir Ronald McIntosh and the arrival of a new Neddy supremo, recognizes the difficulties. The term industrial strategy, he says, is a portmanteau phrase; nobody is quite sure what the bag contains.

This confusion was perhaps inevitable from the start. The Government, surveying the wreckage of the National Plan of 1965, was not going to be caught again in the trap of drawing up plans and targets whose collapse would sully the reputation of their authors. It stressed that it was not laying down a blueprint for the regeneration of industry, simply providing a framework within which a strategy could be developed.

The objective was clear enough. It was, said Sir Harold, to transform a declining economy into a high-output, high-earnings economy based on full employment. The means was to set up under Neddy's wing a group of 30—later expanded to about 40—sector working parties (SWPs) to analyse the strengths and weaknesses of key, potentially successful areas of industry, and to find through tripartite discussion between members of government, industry and the unions, ways of capitalizing on the strengths and eliminating the weaknesses.

Overall guidance of the exercise would be provided by the National Economic Development Council, which would also be the forum for discussion of the national aspects of regeneration policy.

As an earnest of good faith, the government pledged itself to give manufacturing industry priority over both consumption and its own cherished social objectives.

So far so good. But does it all add up to a strategy designed to make British industry strong and vigorous enough to meet competition on an equal footing in the eighties? Where, one might ask, does British Leyland fit into the strategy, or Chrysler, the shipbuilding industry, or indeed any of the many other industries which are limping along from one crisis to the next? Surely the continued drip-feeding of these sectors of industry cannot by any stretch of the imagination be fitted into the spirit of a strategy of regeneration?

Part of the problem is conceptual. What the NEDC and the government must now do is to try to define more clearly not only the scope of the strategy, but its limitations also. The government has for too long been allowed to get away with the deception that the spirit of the strategy permeates industry across the board.

The truth is that the industrial strategy is an exercise of limited application which is avoiding many of the problem areas of our industry. And this partial exercise will not lead us to the promised land of a high-earnings high-output economy unless something is done also about the problem industries—something, that is, more than repeated resuscitation.

But, accepting that the industrial strategy is a limited exercise, how is it faring? The answer, an unsatisfactory one perhaps, is that it is too early to tell.

Two years into the strategy there have been concrete results. Partly as a result of the pressure of individual SWPs—though of course there were many other factors involved—a growing number of industries are now receiving financial assistance under the Industry Act to help in restructuring: textiles machinery and printing machinery, machine tools and ferrous foundries have all benefited.



It is two years since a new approach to industry involving NEDO, whose acting director-general is Mr Bernard Asher (above), was announced. Here Malcolm Brown assesses the success of the strategy so far

There are also schemes to encourage new product development and to help exporters meet the costs of breaking into new markets. Some industries—industrial trucks is an example—have started large-scale rationalization.

It is not much, but it is better than nothing. The problem is that the public, having listened to the fanfare with which the strategy was introduced by the government, may have been expecting quick and dramatic results.

Last February, in the first of its annual reviews of the strategy—the second is due next month when SWP papers will spell out how individual industries can increase their market shares—employers and unions both reaffirmed their faith in the strategy which it was said could help to improve the balance of trade by £3,000m a year by 1980.

The pace of the exercise to date must make one doubtful whether that kind of target has any chance at all of being met. To begin with, it is not at all clear that the correct decisions were taken at that meeting last February. After the meeting Mr Varley, the Secretary of State for Industry, announced that there was to be priority treatment for five sectors—industrial engines, construction equipment, office machinery, electronic components and domestic electrical appliances. This decision has not met with all the enthusiasm that it might and a growing distrust of the philosophy of putting money on winners—which willy nilly puts all the others in the second rank—may slow down the operation.

But if one is to have a date by which we should be able to say whether the industrial strategy is working or not then 1980 is probably the right time for an assessment.

And the assessment should answer three main questions: how far have we got in changing attitudes to industry; how well are we coping with the big strategic issues which affect the whole of the economy, and industry; and how well have we managed to eliminate the myriad of constraints which have impeded industrial growth for three decades or more?

There are already signs that there has been some progress on the first front. Perhaps the most encouraging development to date in the dialogue that has developed is that government is now operating a much more open-door arrangement for management and unions and positively encouraging them to contribute to the policy making process. This of course has its own inherent dangers—worries about corporatism are now more frequently voiced—and these problems will have to be dealt with.

But the fact that both sides of industry now feel they can have a measurable impact on policy is an important step forward.

The attitudes of management and unions towards one another also seem to be slowly changing. The same old stage armies still troop into Millbank for the monthly council meeting, as they have done with occasional changes of personnel since the birth of Neddy. But it does seem now that they snipe at each other less often and that instead of one entrenched set of views clashing head on with another, as they did so often in the past, they are instead, occasionally, joining forces to combat common enemies.

It is, however, a slow process and many of the biggest problems—overmanning for instance, or the issue of overseas investment—still seem an awful long way from resolution. It may be that the real advances on such issues will come not in the Neddy council itself, where the big guns gather, but in the SWPs. There is evidence that a real spirit of cooperation is developing.

In coping with the main strategic issues, such as how we utilize the fruits of North Sea oil, progress seems much slower. With something like £3,500m a year of oil revenues to be used over the next decade, decisions will have to be made soon on the most effective ways of spending that money. This will certainly be one of the main issues which the NEDC will have to grapple with over the next 12 months.

But the main progress which we can expect to see in the shorter term is perhaps in the least dramatically appealing area: the elimination of constraints to the growth of manufacturing industry's output.

Making sure that employees' housing is available in the right areas at the right time, overcoming skilled labour shortages, ensuring that the institutions which industry has to deal with become more flexible, generally unblocking the line so that industry can get on with wealth-making—unhampered by restraints which have remained there for years only because no one has had the wit to do someting about them—these are the sort of developments which seldom hit the headlines. But taken in aggregate they may well produce far larger dividends than anyone imagined.

Business Diary: Independents' day • A sellers' market?

Nothing much to shout about in the Post Office's venture into industrial democracy at least so far as the four "independent" members are concerned, all but one appointed by the Industry Secretary, Eric Varley.

In the first place, only one of the four is a woman, yet women make up over half the population. This lady is Janice Walsh (chosen from the 1,200 who applied for this one post, a former civil servant and now a local government employee as manager of the consumer advice centre of the London Borough of Islington.

The only other woman on the 18-strong board is Nina Williams, one of the trade union members and a Post Office employee.

Of the other three independents, one is a peer (Lord Winstanley, a Liberal), a member of a chamber whose claims to be democratically constituted are not readily apparent to all.

A third, Derek Gladwin, is a regional secretary of the General and Municipal Workers Union. He has a long record of public service, but there are eight other trade unionists on the Post Office board.

And speaking up for business? Why none other than Peter Walters, a managing director of BP in which the state happens to have a controlling stake.

It goes without saying, of course, that people who accept public office turn their backs on their origins in the pursuit of some higher good. But being independent and being seen to be independent are not necessarily the same thing.



Sir Adrian Cadbury: advertisements for ourselves.

■ The Advertising Association—like the CBI—is to return to Brighton for its next conference, in this case in April. It should be a lively affair, since, unlike the rest of industry, advertising had a good year in 1977 and sees this newfound prosperity continuing at least until the middle of this year.

The recovery, according to Sir Adrian Cadbury, chairman both of Cadbury Schweppes and of the conference, is accompanied by a desire on the part of the industry to go on to the offensive for the first time in four years.

At the last conference on this scale, again in Brighton in 1974, advertising was hammered—for its failure to regulate standards—by Shirley Williams, the then Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, and by John (now Sir John) Methven, then director-general of the Office of Fair Trading and now director-general of the CBI.

This year's conference is very much marketing-biased and, it is hoped, will attract delegates from firms who buy advertising as well as the association members in the agencies and the media who design and carry it.

Moreover, Sir Adrian told Business Diary yesterday that the conference must project advertising's "positive contribution to the economic life of the country".

Advertising, Sir Adrian says, attracts "an unwarranted share of criticism" because it is one of the "most visible expressions of health business competition".

How ironic that an industry which exists to sell other people's goods and services finds it so hard to sell itself.

■ I don't know what the critics will make, if anything, of the new 10-part BBC 1 television series *The Engineers*, which starts on Tuesday.

The series, produced by Michael Garrod, is timely in so far as it goes on the air as the many—some might say too many—professional engineering bodies are preparing their submissions to Sir Monty Finniston's committee of inquiry into the profession.

What, however, the engineers will think of the series, should be very interesting. The BBC's record of pleasing the professions it televises is at best uneven, but even before the programme goes on the air there have been complaints.

The municipal engineers, for example, are already complaining through their journal *Municipal Engineering and Environmental Technology*. They are cross because not one of their 10,000 members is featured and, because the series, they say, sees engineers in general as people who deal with bits and pieces, like micrometers and testing equipment, rather than people "whose work on essential services such as roads, water supply, waste management and sewerage, keeps the wheels of the country turning".

Garrod says it is a "great pity" that the municipals are not in (they do spend a lot of public money, after all) but adds that there were 20 other types of engineer not included, including women engineers.

Engineers, of whatever stripe, are becoming increasingly self-conscious about the raging apathy with which they are regarded by the public (particularly those members of the public at school who might consider becoming engineers).

To be fair, if the municipals have anybody to blame in this instance it is probably themselves. They did not even know this documentary series was being planned.

■ Alan Thornett, the shop steward known as "the Mole", has stood down from a job at British Leyland's car assembly plant at Cowley to which he had been elected.

His decision makes a confrontation less likely over the company's refusal to recognize him as a deputy senior steward for the Transport and General Workers' Union. Thornett was told when he tried to assume his new union duties that he would not be recognized by the management.

A meeting of the union's leaders at the factory had decided to leave the controversy in the hands of union officers and to give British Leyland until February 1 to reconsider.

Three years ago Leyland decided not to accept Thornett as a deputy because of his conduct during a dispute, but an inquiry by the TGWU declared the company's action unjustified.

Leyland says that it will accept Thornett only as a shop steward in the factory's transport department where he is a driver, the line the company has been taking for three and a half years and a ruling again challenged when Thornett was one of the seven elected deputy senior stewards last month.

The company's decision provoked a strike in 1974 which disrupted production for nearly a month, but it now seems that the mood on the shop floor has changed.

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers announced with a flourish yesterday that it is sending four teachers to the National Centre for School Technology at Nottingham and thereafter to go through eight-week stints with manufacturing industry. The idea is that teachers in general don't know enough about the industries for which their pupils are headed. But, lo! what is this? One of the teachers, according to IME, is from "Archbishop Tenison Grammer (sic) School, Croydon". Seems to me that the teachers might have something to teach the IME, rather than the other way about.

Under the sea to Hokkaido

Nearly three years after cancellation of the Channel tunnel the Japanese are past the half-way mark in what will be the world's longest undersea tunnel. This is a nearly 54 kilometre long (just over 33½ miles) rail link between the main island, Honshu, and its northern neighbour, Hokkaido.

The visitor descends by lift at the water's edge to see, in front of him, a great horseshoe-shaped hole, wide enough for two trains. It runs under the Tsugaru Straits as far as the eye can see—an awe-inspiring tribute to modern engineering.

Although the Seikan tunnel will be just over two kilometres longer than the Channel tunnel, its undersea section, at 23.3 kilometres (about 14½ miles), is 12.7 kilometres shorter. However, geological conditions between the two islands present far greater difficulties than those between Britain and France.

The route of the Channel tunnel was to have been through chalk with a high clay content, which, in the words of one engineer, "is of a cheese-like consistency and easy to cut." No major faults were expected nor was there great danger of serious flooding.

The Japanese, however, are working largely through volcanic ash, with some basalt and andesite and layers of clay and mudstone, and there are nine big faults on the route. The tunnel runs 100 metres below the bottom of the sea, which is 140 metres at its deepest, compared with 60 metres for the Channel Tunnel route.

The weakness of the rock and the weight of water above greatly increase the risk of floods. To date there have been four, during the last of which water came in at up to 80 tonnes a minute.

The Japanese are working from both ends, with bases at Yoshioka on Hokkaido and Tappi on Honshu. It is planned to complete excavation of the land section by 1979.

The pilot tunnels should meet under the sea in 1980 and the service and main tunnels shortly after. Track and overhead power lines will then be installed, with the opening scheduled for April, 1982.

Because of geological difficulties the Seikan tunnel is already three years behind schedule. The estimated cost, which is being met by the Japanese Government, has risen from 200,000m yen to 355,400m yen (£794m).

So far the tunnel has claimed the lives of more than 20 men, most of them crushed by the small electric trains which run to and from the rock face. There are about 4,000 people involved in the project, working in three shifts round the clock.

The operation is controlled by a subsidiary of Japan National Railways (JNR)—Japan Railway Construction Corporation, which has subcontracted most of the work to private companies.

The linking of Honshu and Hokkaido is a further step in the drawing together of Japan's four main islands. Honshu is already joined to Kyushu by three tunnels and a bridge. Shikoku is to be linked to Honshu by three bridges, one of which will have the longest single span in the world—1,790 metres, which is 370 metres more than that of the Humber Bridge.

The possibility of digging a 60 kilometre undersea rail tunnel between Kyushu and Shikoku is under investigation.

The Seikan tunnel will allow the 130 mph "bullet" trains to run between Tokyo and Sapporo, capital of Hokkaido, in 5 hrs 40 minutes. Today the journey, which includes a ferry crossing between Aomori and Hakodate, takes 16hrs 50 minutes.

However, because of the decline in Japan's economic growth construction of extensions to the Shinkansen, the line which carries the bullet trains, has fallen behind schedule. Originally it was planned that the tunnel and the Tokyo-Sapporo Shinkansen would be ready in 1979. Now, the railways estimate that the Shinkansen will reach Sapporo by 1990.

Delays in extending the Shinkansen north will be a financial blow to the railway. Last year they had an overall deficit of 914,050m yen (£2,041m).

However, the Shinkansen, which now extends 669 miles west of Tokyo to Fukuoka, made a profit of 216,500m yen (£483m) and contributed 36 per cent of total passenger revenue.

With such results the state railways are keen on extending the Shinkansen as fast as construction costs of £7.8m a kilometre will allow. Work is in progress on lines between Tokyo and Niigata on the Japan Sea coast, Tokyo and Morioka in northern Honshu and Tokyo and its new international airport at Narita.

Simon Scott Plummer

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Gilts lose early shine on talk of new 'taps'

With sterling threatening to break the two-dollar mark at one point and a growing confidence about the chances of a cut in interest rates this week, gilts were in fine form again in early trading.

But they fell back sharply as profits were taken and the early gains were replaced by widespread falls. Equities continued on their lethargic way and here, too, early gains were lost as investors contemplated the impact of a strong pound on the major exporters.

At the long end of the gilt market prices were marked up a quarter at the outset and then went even better as a good two-way business ensued. A major factor in their subsequent retreat was the exhaustion of the short "tap" which gave rise to speculation that the authorities will announce a new stock for each end of the market later this week. The short end indications of a half point cut in MLR led to some disappointment for those expecting a full point and most stocks were at, or a little below, overnight levels in active trading.

The *FT* Index, 3.2 better at 10 am, slipped thereafter and in spite of a small late rally was still only 2.2 better at 487.8 by the close. A factor in this was the weakness of BP which had slipped 14p at one point of the slide on Wall Street.

Hopes of a cut in MLR livened some sectors of the equity market and gave properties their best day for weeks.

Star performers were **Haslemere Estates** up 9p to 252p, **Bernard Sunley** climbing 8p to 196p and **Great Portland** 6p firmer at 324p. **Berkeley Hambro** at 117p, **Bradford** at 227p and **Land Securities** at 223p all put on 5p.

A fall in interest rates would boost the profits of all the groups in this sector, but **Town & City** at 15p and **Capital & Counties** at 50p both firmed 1p on some speculative demand.

Both are heavily geared with variable rate borrowings and would benefit particularly from cheaper money. Town & City will also be helped by the strength of sterling because of the levels of its overseas loans, not marched by foreign assets.

Other groups to firm a few pence in this section were **British Land** at 37p, **MEPC** at 128p and **Stock Conversion** at 264p.

Hopes of reduced borrowing rates also fuelled finance houses. **Lloyds** and **Scottish** added 2p to 109p while **Wagon Finance** at 92p and **UDT** at 44p both added a penny.

Speculative interest was also prevalent in the building sector where hopes of another "give-away" package in the next budget and freer consumer spending combined with interest rate speculation to add 4p to **Costain** at 272p. **Barratt Developments** at 120p and **Wimpey** at 83p held steady but some dealers are expecting to see the sector moving ahead over the next few months.

In a very thin market most banks closed unchanged having moved better earlier in the session. **National Westminster** was the only one of the "Big Four" to hold its gain closing 4p to the good at 288p. Random buying in a sector which has been out of favour for some months left **Barclays** at 338p, **Lloyds** at 288p and **Midland** at 388p.

Fears of MLR cuts have mostly been discounted over the past six months and any change tomorrow is unlikely to attract sellers into the market, according to Mr John Spears of brokers Galloway & Pearson. However a reduction may bring the base rates of National Westminster and Barclays back into line with the others.

English China Clay, which rose from 79p to 83p, is thought to have been supported by a 100,000 plus order yesterday. Dealers believe that over the past few weeks, about two million shares have been sold in the market.

By the close, **BP** had rallied enough to be 10p lower at 840p. **Shell** was similarly weak, losing 6p to 520p.

The weakness of the dollar premium lowered overseas issues like **Royal Dutch**, off £1.25 at £36.75, **Hongkong & Shanghai Bank**, which ended 6p down to 634p, and **Philips Lamps**, which came off 25p to £7.70.

The strength of the pound and the beneficial effect on overseas holidays drew more investors to this corner of the market. But the main interest centred on **Pontins** which was suspended at 38p pending possible takeover news. The shares have been firm for some days on speculation over a bid with **Coral Leisure**, down 2p to 142p, a front-running candidate in dealers' minds.

Holiday groups benefiting directly from the strong currency were **Horizon Midland**, which rose another 7p to 79p, **European Ferries**, which added 11p to 109p, **Warner Holidays**, which went ahead 31p to 26p, and **Thomson Organisation**, which closed 35p better at 715p.

Provision merchant **Joseph Stocks**, mentioned here a short while ago as a takeover possibility, rose 10p to 170p, after 180p, on further interest in a thin market. **FS Ratcliffe** was another similarly helped, gaining 15p to 72p at the best.

Equity turnover on January 3 was £49.09m (12,097 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph active stocks yesterday were **BAT Dfd, Rank HK & Shanghai Bank, Midland Bank, ICI, Manganese Bronze, Town & City, Barclays Bank, Barker Dobson, Shell, Consolidated Gold Fields** old and new, **European Ferries, United Real Property, Philips Lamps, Avon Rubber, Horizon Midland** and **Associated Newspapers**.

Speculative buying pushed London Sumatra up a further 6p to 81p yesterday on hopes that Harrisons & Crosfield will bid for the company as it is doing with Harcros. This optimism seems misplaced. London Sumatra is not so significant to the H&C empire as Harcros while the H&C effective holding in London Sumatra is 39 per cent compared with only 22 per cent in Harcros. So London Sumatra is unlikely to be under attack.

Jewelry retailer Ratners, long a favourite of the small investor, has been rising steadily ahead of today's figures. The market is looking for a profits increase of around a quarter to £500,000 and yesterday the shares climbed a further 2p to 93p.

At 153p SGB Group hardened a further 1p where they are within a whisker of the 1977-78 peak. But the figures for the year to last September due around the middle of the month will be good. They should show profits up from £5.7m to £7.5m, indicating faster growth in the second six months than in the first. SGB has a North Sea oil business, and is thought to have done well abroad.

Latest results

Company	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Int or Fin	—(—)	—(—)	—(—)	15s(15s)	25/1	—(—)
Azcon (Q)	1.9(1.4)	0.06(0.04)	1.44(1.06)	0.65(0.50)	17/2	—(1.5)
E Elliott (I)	0.60(0.50)	0.02(0.01)	0.42(0.35)	0.28(0.28)	—	—(0.4)
St Geo Lndry (I)	242.7(229.4)	7.6(8.0)	7.3(7.8)	2.8(2.4)	1/4	4.0(3.6)
Thos W Ward (F)	138.9(131.2)	5.8(9.3)	5.7(12.97)	1.67(1.62)	—	3.16(2.8)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a Cents.

Automated Security in takeover and rights

By Victor Felstead

Brocks, one of Britain's best-known burglar alarm concerns, is changing hands in a transaction involving over £2m. Dorset-based Brocks Group is selling its security division to Automated Security (Holdings) for £2.18m, of which £1m has been received by the transfer of new bank debts. The remaining sum of £1.18m will be settled by £880,000 in cash and the balance by way of either 300,000 8 per cent convertible redeemable preference shares of £1 each in Automated, or in cash at the option of Automated.

Brocks has agreed to bear the costs of reorganization of the security division up to £150,000. In addition, certain debts of this division to Brocks will be paid by Automated when the 1977 accounts are completed.

Brocks has warranted that profits before tax and holding company interest of Brocks Alarms will be not less than £300,000 for 1977 and that its balance sheet will show net tangible assets of not less than £960,000 after bank borrowings of £1m and a deferred tax reserve of £1.28m.

After the deal, the two companies will rank with Chubb as one of the biggest businesses of its type in the United Kingdom, with a total of 40,000 alarm systems installed. At present, Brocks is the third largest burglar alarms company in Britain, with Automated probably fourth.

Automated is also making a rights issue and backing this up with a profits forecast. The issue will be in 8 per cent convertible cumulative redeemable preference shares of £1 each at par on the basis of one preference for every eight ordinary. This will raise about £950,000, after expenses. Automated's board estimates that pre-tax profits (excluding any contribution from Brocks Alarms) for the year to November 30 next should be at least £450,000—a record if achieved—against £335,000 last time. It also intends to double the dividend to 2p gross a share.

Fall of dollar trims £1m from bumper Pergamon results

By Tony May

Although the second-half brought roughly maintained pre-tax profits of £1.6m, Pergamon Press continued its rapid growth with a 26 per cent jump in profits for 1977 to a record £3.4m. Sales went up from £13m to £20m, giving margins of 17 per cent against 20.7 per cent. Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman of this private family company, notes that profits would have been about £1m higher but for the fall of the dollar against the pound.

The group exports over 80 per cent of its total sales—about twice the average for the British book industry. North America accounts for a large part of sales so it has been convenient for Pergamon to invoice all its exports in dollars. This policy is being changed to minimize the effects of currency fluctuations and exports outside North America will be invoiced at an "external sterling price".

As the bulk of the group's scientific books and journals are pre-sold, the group is able to forecast that earnings in the current year will continue their strong upward trend.

All this is very gratifying to Mr Maxwell whose family bought the group back from Leasco and outside shareholders at 12p a share back in April 1974. The group is now able to resume dividend payments at 10p a share at a cost of £1.37m.

This is the first time since 1969 when the takeover bid from Leasco resulted in one of the City's longest and most controversial battles and a high-critical Department of Trade investigation of Pergamon.



Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman of Pergamon Press.

LIT still in dark over liquidation claim

By Ray Maughan

London Intercontinental Trust has still not had any positive information on the possibility of a distribution by the liquidators of Mitton, Butler Priest, the broking firm "hammered" over three years ago.

Having been refused compensation by the Stock Exchange in 1976, the trust provided a sum of £175,000 against total debts of £210,000. "In view of the considerable uncertainty", the directors report in the accounts for the year to end-September last, the provision has been retained. At May 19 last the liquidator had realized £1.09m, but costs and remuneration had absorbed £503,000, quantified claims admitted and outstanding totalled £1.76m and a number of unquantified claims are stated to have been received.

The action against Barclays Bank, where the trust is claiming £195,000 for breach of mandate instructions, will proceed to trial next month. The sum claimed is the call deposit account due by the broking firm to the trust.

Associated Engineering doubts

By Michael Clark

If industrial relations problems can be resolved quickly at Associated Engineering, then the prospects for the rest of the year are for some increase in volume and profitability, according to Mr John Ferguson, chairman, in his annual statement.

Meanwhile sales and profits in the first two months of the year are running somewhat below budget.

The uncertainties which exist at present make it extremely difficult to forecast the likely outcome for the coming year, but the results achieved in recent years underline the strength of the group and give confidence that whatever the problems they will be forthrightly tackled.

In the last full year to September 1977, the group achieved its forecast with a jump of 55 per cent in pre-tax profits to £32.5m

Renault's sales around 9 pc up in 1977 despite machine tools

Paris.—Turnover of the State owned Renault Group in 1977, including motor vehicles, machine-tools, farm equipment and engineering, is expected to have grown by 9 per cent. For 1976, turnover was a record 44.6 billion francs.

Renault's world-wide output of private cars and commercial vehicles increased 5.1 per cent last year to 1,745,000 units, with 54,000 trucks, this corresponded to 43 per cent of French motor vehicle output. Truck output went down by 16 per cent.

The group sold 1 million vehicles abroad, and kept the first place as the biggest importer in West Germany and Italy, it said, without giving actual figures. Sales in Switzerland and Austria rose 17 per cent and 7 per cent, respectively.

Sales of the Renault-5 model, recently introduced in the United States, amounted to 15,000 units. Assembly of Renault vehicles abroad—Turkey, Iran, Colombia, Yugoslavia, Argentina, Romania and Spain rose by 15 per cent last year.

The machine-tool division went through a difficult year, Renault said, but it pointed out that contracts valued at 240 million francs with the Soviet Union were signed last year.—AP-Dow Jones.

International

Karstadt standstill

Essen.—Karstadt said that turnover in its 120 stores last year, excluding travel business, rose 8.6 per cent to DM7.4 billion, including value added tax.

Leaving aside a 21.6 per cent rise in floor space over the year, this amounts to a turnover rise of only 1.7 per cent, it said. The extra space mainly results from the takeover of Kepa and Karstadt-SB Stores and from additions from the Neckermann store chain.

The group's own travel division booked tourist business worth DM1965m, up 18 per cent.

Neckermann Versand, bought by the Karstadt group in mid 1977, had a turnover of DM2.33 billion, 9.1 per cent down on 1976.

Great Atlantic

Montvale, New Jersey, Jan 4. —Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea chairman Mr Jonathan I. Scott reports that the group's third quarter operating loss of $2.38m reflected costs, particularly labour, outpacing sales.

The results were virtually unchanged from the figures estimated on December 13. Great Atlantic lost $5.02m in the quarter, including a $2.64m loss from store closings and other costs associated with redevelopment programme.—Reuter

Matthew Brown aims for quality

By Ashley Druker

The indifferent summer knocked some of the gloss off Matthew Brown's full-time figures for the year to October 1, but this Blackburn-based brewer sets its sights this term on making more people cognizant of the quality of its products in intensified efforts to expand sales. Last year, after half-time profits up 28 per cent, the full year showed a 19 per cent increase to £3.1m pre-tax.

Generally, the group has shown a volume rise in beer sales averaging about 2½ per cent over the year compared with a small decline nationally. As Mr C. J. Ainscough, chairman, says: "We reflect the continuing national decline in the sale of bottled beers and in draught premium bitter" but this has been more than offset by significant increases in the sales of its light mild beer and of Slalom lager, giving a weekly average rise of 7 per cent to its own brewed draught beer sales.

Spirits trade was marginally down but the shortfall was more than made good by wine sales

Meanwhile, significant increases are being shown in the sales of its brewed beer.

Attock to seek requotation after £2m deal

The board of Attock Petroleum will soon be asking for an end to the suspension of its shares. The suspension was called for in July when the group sold most of its interests in Pakistan and consequently held most of its assets in cash. About £2m of this has now been spent on a stake in the Texan offshore industry.

This United Kingdom-based group has acquired working interests in some off-shore leases covering three blocks in the Gulf of Mexico in the territorial waters of the State of Texas. Commercial oil and gas production has been established on the three blocks

Attock received about £2.3m cash in July when 51 per cent of its Attock Oil subsidiary was sold to investment clients of Kuwait International Finance—which has a stake of about 16 per cent in Attock Petroleum itself.

Pearl Assurance slips to £534m in 1977

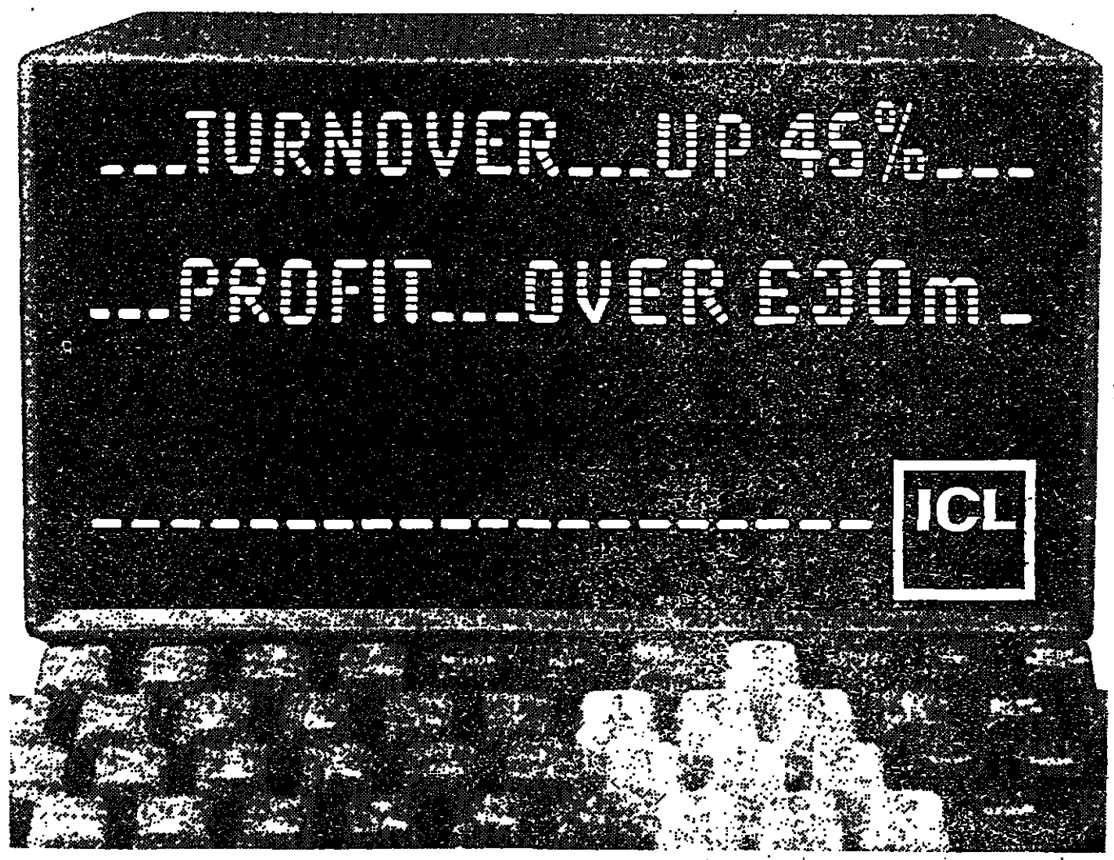
Among the insurance groups announcing new life business in 1977 yesterday was **Pearl Assurance**. Total new sums assured came to £534.4m against £597.2m. New annual premiums under life assurance policies and annuities issued in the industrial and ordinary branches combined amounted to £21.9m compared with £23.4m for 1976. In addition single premiums and annuity considerations of £6.4m were received against £7.3m for 1976.

Broad advances were made by **Phoenix Assurance** with new sums assured amounting to £1,206m compared with £1,194m and new annual premiums of £12.6m (£11.6m). Of the £19.2m new single premiums (£3.9m), £14.1m is attributable to Property Growth Assurance.

New life sums assured writt during 1977 at **Liverpool V toria** amounted to £157.5 (£142.6m) and the new pre ium income was £8.7m (£7.3m **English Insurance** wrote ne business in 1977 under whi the net premium incor amounted to £3.4m (£5.6m) addition to single premiums a immediate annuity conside tions of £4.4m (£5.2m).

Victory Reinsurance Grou reports new sums assured o £615m, an increase of 31 p cent. New annual premiun were £3.1m (£2.4m) and ne single premiums were £6.7 against £5.8m in 1976.

Scottish Amicable's annu premiums under new Unite Kingdom individual assurance and annuities increased by per cent to £12.6m.



Even without an ICL computer you can calculate which is Europe's most successful computer group

A year of exceptional growth
In 1977 ICL turnover rose by 45% to £418.7m., with pre-tax profit increasing to £30.3m., a rise of 31%. This profit performance was achieved without significant exchange rate gains, which contributed £2m. to the previous year's profit. A dividend for the year of 11.25p per share restores the gross level last declared in 1971.
ICL products are now marketed in some 80 countries. Overseas turnover rose in 1977 by 85% and now, for the first time, contributes more than half ICL's total revenue. The impact of the Singer acquisition has been most marked in the European Division which was previously the smallest and has now become the largest of the four ICL systems marketing divisions.

Record order taking
Orders booked rose by 53%, of which overseas orders amounted to half the total. The two overseas marketing divisions each reached the £100 million mark for the first time.

Satisfactory cash flow
The favourable cash balance of £11.4m. (£19.7m.) was achieved after repaying £11.7m., the amount outstanding of the 8¾% German mark loan. The Group has strengthened further its sources of finance and is well placed to finance future operations.

Excellent response to staff share offer
The savings-related share option scheme for U.K. employees was taken up by 30% of those eligible to join, a significantly higher response than any other industrial company had so far experienced.

1978 prospects
The Company started the current year with a larger order book than on any previous occasion. Given a continuing improvement in our industrial relations, your Board is confident that a further significant growth in turnover and profit can be achieved.

From the Annual Statement by the Chairman, Mr. T. C. Hudson, C.B.E.

A copy of the full Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary, ICL Limited, ICL House, (Room 1103), Putney, London SW15 1SW. Tel: 01-788 7272 Ext. 2017

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Business appointments

Mr J. E. Aisher named Marley vice-chairman

Mr J. E. Aisher becomes vice-chairman of **Marley** from January 11 and Mr O. A. A. Aisher and Mr W. J. W. Courtney become joint deputy chairmen.

Mr D. R. Davies, managing director of **Anglo-Thai Corporation**, is to become chairman and managing director of Inchcape Berhad on April 1, after the retirement of Mr A. A. Webster. Mr Davies will remain on the board of the corporation as a non-executive director. Mr M. E. Doherty, executive director of the corporation, will become managing director from April 1.

Mr Gerald Aspell takes over as chairman of the **Leicester Building Society**. He succeeds Mr Basil Sharman, who has retired. Mr Roy Kemp is the society's new vice-chairman. Mr J. Geoffrey Hilton remains president.

Sir Peter Thornton has joined the board of **Laird Group**.

Sir Stanley Holmes, who recently retired as chief executive of Merseyside County Council, is to join the board of **Mersey Docks and Harbour**.

Mr W. J. Sheppard, joint managing director of **Hoveringham Group**, has additionally been appointed deputy chairman.

Mr William Cunningham has been appointed chairman of **United States Debenture Corporation**, succeeding Mr L. Garnett-Orme, who remains on the board.

Mr Peter Walters, a managing director of BP, has been made a part-time member of the **Post Office** board.

Mr J. H. Nunnerley has been made chairman of **Bulmer and Lumb (Holdings)**, succeeding Mr G. M. Warry, who has retired.

Mr R. J. F. Brothers and Mr W. H. Hsu join the board of **Wheelock Marden**.

Mr J. N. Clarke, head of the finance division, and Mr J. A. Holmes, technical director, have been appointed executive directors of **Anglo American Corporation** of South Africa. Mr J. F. Drysdale and Mr G. S. Young become managers.

Sir William Pettingell has been elected chairman and Sir Robert Norman appointed a director of **Hanimex Corporation**, after the retirement of Mr A. W. Uther as chairman.

Mr T. M. S. Winfield has been appointed managing director of **Greenham Construction Equipment**, succeeding Mr D. Blackwood, who remains a director. Mr R. H. Cogswell continues as chairman. Mr Winfield gives up the managing directorship of Greenham (Plant Hire) but remains on the board. Mr J. Watson becomes chairman and managing director.

Mr D. F. Alford, chairman and managing director of Century Aluminium, has been elected president of the **Aluminium Federation**.

Mr Ken Green has become director responsible for the loan syndication department at **Bank of America International**. He replaces Mr Jim Rawlings, who becomes group vice-president of the financial services group at Bank of America NT & SA in New York.

Mr W. G. Hanson is to retire as chairman of **Hardys and Hansons** in February and will be succeeded by Colonel T. E. Forman Hardy. Mr R. W. D. Hanson is to become vice-chairman, continuing as managing director.

Mr A. L. Thomas is succeeded as chairman of **Geevor Tin Mi** by Mr R. H. MacWilliam.

Mr O. W. Green joins the boa of **Berry Trust**.

Mr Barrie Griffin has been ma managing director of **Air Shippi Agencies**. Mr Ronald Hewis joins the board.

Mr Andrew Blair has become director of **Turnbull Gibs Travel**.

Mr C. W. Chase has be appointed a director of **R. Harrison, J. I. Jacobs (Insurance**

Encik Mohd Fathi Bin Ha Ahmad has become chairman **Pahang Consolidated**.

Mr C. D. Q. Evans has bec made a director of **Associate Book Publishers**.

Mr A. H. C. Colls has becon managing director of **Stewa Wrightson (Aviation)**. Mr G. Dent joins the board of **Stewa Wrightson (Services)**.

Bradstock, Hicks has elected J. T. Hicks joint chairman wit Mr D. F. Bradstock and ha appointed Mr K. C. Pidgeon ma aging director.

Mr Keith Holloway is appointe managing director, **Timex Marke ing & Sales, Europe**.

Industrial films

Sunny viewing of building and engineering enterprises

Regular viewing of industrial films makes for a less gloomy view of the state of the nation than does news of strikes, inflation and falling productivity. For the films, like the old sundials, record only the sunny hours; and while it would be foolish to forget the clouds, it is no bad thing to be reminded of the breaks in them.

The most obviously impressive performances are the massive building and engineering enterprises. We may take as examples four films seen in recent months: in any similar period one can expect at least as much.

In *The Columbus Link* (World Wide, 28 minutes) we saw Standard Telephones laying the submarine cable between the Canaries and Venezuela, with detail of the complications involved, and some history and geography for good measure. *Designed for the Desert* (Clarendon Films, 12 minutes) gave us Lesser International building a computer centre and administrative blocks in Saudi Arabia.

The rebuilding of six airports in Zaire is the theme of Wimpeys' latest film, *Clear to Land* (World Wide, 27 minutes), a record of considerably more difficulty in the civil engineering work itself. And much the same is true of BP's *Pipeline Alaska* (Pelican Films, 29 minutes), the start-to-completion account of the bringing of oil from Alaska's North Slope to the ice-free water 800 miles to the south.

There is much that is more quietly impressive, where film records ingenuity and inventiveness away from the wide open spaces. *The World of Nation*, for example (Piers Jessop Pictures, 30 minutes), explains with remarkable animation how the unknotted net is made, and the variety of purposes it serves—overseas. Here, only gardeners seem to appreciate it fully.

In a quite different area, Shell's *One thousand miles per gallon* (Harcourt Films, 18 minutes) shows 22 teams from universities, technical colleges and motor manufacturers' schools attempting the feat of the title. A team from Cranfield Institute of Technology won, with 1,097 mpg in a machine that cost less than £50 to build. It is a light-hearted record, with some extraordinary vehicles. There is no immediate prospect of this kind of economy for the car user.

Craftsmanship? There was *Royal Worcester Spode* (Right Angle, 15 minutes), made to mark the merger last year of the two great firms. Porcelain and bone china both make fine pictures, and continuing hand craftsmanship mingling with mechanisation makes a fascinating industrial study.

We saw again a comparable film from five years back, *Wedgwood* (World Wide, 17 minutes) in an Export through Film seminar. *Wedgwood*, like other films in the seminar, has been seen all over the world. So has Costain's prize winning *Port Raschid* (Richard Costain, 17 minutes), a member of our first, dramatic, group. So has another prize winner, *An Extrusion Puller* from Edwards of Enfield (Greendow, 6 minutes), rankin in our ingenuity group.

The industrial film industry busy recording success stories is in no bad shape itself. It own new technology has mover more quickly than some film makers have liked, but ther are producers who are master ing it all.

The industry has to wor harder than it did in the past, with sponsors increasingly cas conscious, and with less glamour in the films they make: not every subject jus fies a film like *Pipeline Alaska* But the whole industry is demonstrably working well for industry.

Of course nobody uses films to publicize the things that go wrong, whether failures of management or what some regard as one failure of management "industrial action". But the achievements we see on the screen have actually happened, and in the aggregate they do make something that we can be proud of, amid the encircling gloom.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Bullough in £1.75m bid for Newman Granger

A cash bid is on the way for Newman Granger Industries, the precision engineer and car jack maker which asked for a share suspension last week. The Board has agreed terms of 35p cash a share offered by Bullough, which makes engineering products like caravan chassis and vehicle components. The terms value Newman at £1.75m.

Directors of Newman, together with certain members of their families and Raymond Baggaley (Holdings) have irrevocably undertaken to accept the offer on holdings totalling 2.27m shares. About 45.5 per cent. Dealings will be resumed today.

Best-ever orders for ICL

ICL started its current year with its largest ever order book, Mr T. C. Hudson, chairman, says in his annual report. Given a continuing improvement in ICL's industrial relations, his board is confident that a "further significant growth" in turnover and profit will be achieved. In the year to September 30, pre-tax profits rose from £23.06m to a record £30.27m.

Issues down for year but December good

Over December gross issues in the United Kingdom amounted to £213.2m. After redemptions of £103.9m, net issues were £109.3m, compared with £83.5m for November. This was the best result since June and brought the total for the year to £2,226m gross. Redemptions totalled £1,288.2m so the net for the year was £937.8m, compared with £1,114.3m a year earlier.

VENEZUELA LOAN

Venezuela is raising a $1,200m 10-year syndicated bank loan on international markets bearing interest at ⅞ per cent above London inter-bank offered rates, Manufacturers Hanover said as joint lead manager.

HAMBRO MITSUI

Hambros Bank to sell 10 per cent of capital of Hambro Mitsui to Mitsui Bank. This raises Mitsui stake to 60 per cent, and cuts Hambros's to 40 per cent. Name to change to Mitsui Finance Europe Ltd.

BANKAMERICA MERGER

Bank of America's two subs, B of A of Luxembourg, and B of A International, Luxembourg, to be merged.

MORGAN GRENFELL LOAN

Morgan Grenfell has signed new £5m credit with National Bank of Hungary to finance United Kingdom exports of capital goods and services. Previous five lines totalled £20m.

Eurosyndicat

The Eurosyndicat index on European share prices was put provisionally at 119.53 on January 3 against 120.44 a week earlier.

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	7½%
Barclays Bank	7½%
Consolidated Crdts	7½%
First London Secs	7½%
C. Hoare & Co	*7%
Lloyds Bank	7%
London Mercantile	7%
Midland Bank	6¾%
Nat Westminster	7½%
Rossminster Acc's	7½%
Shenley Trust	9½%
TSB	7%
Williams and Glyn's	7½%

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 4%, up to £25,000 4½%, over £25,000 5%.

RAND MINES LIMITED
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A member of the Barlow Rand Group

DIVIDEND DECLARATION
Blyvooruitzicht Gold Mining Company Limited

Further to the dividend notice advertised in the press on the 20th December, 1977 the conversion rate applicable to payments in United Kingdom currency in respect of the abovementioned dividend is £1=R1.699940 equivalent to 17.64768p per share.

The effective rate of South African Non-Resident Shareholders' Tax is 15 per cent.

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Commodities

COPPER.—Cash wire bars gained £3.25 and three months put on £2.75.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £660-65 a metric ton; three months, £678-79. Sales, 1,200 tons. Cash cathodes, £652.50-53.00; three months, £667-68. Sales, nil. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £667-67.50; three months, £681-81.50. Settlement, £667.50. Sales, 13,125 tons. Cash cathodes, £655-55.50; three months, £669-69.50. Settlement, £655.50. Sales, 6,450 tons.

SILVER was steady.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 251.45p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 497); three months, 255.10p (503.3c); six months, 259.50p (515c); one year, 268.90p (533.9c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 251.6-51.8p; three months, 255.5-55.4p. Sales, 28 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 252-52.2p; three months, 255.6-55.8p. Settlement, 252.3p. Sales, 42 lots.

TIN was firmer regaining Tuesday's losses. Standard cash put on £220 and three months gained £167.50.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £6,440-50 a metric ton; three months, £6,390-95. Sales, 1,400 tons. High grade, cash, £6,440-50; three months, £6,415-20. Sales, 75 tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £6,390-£6,400; three months, £6,380-85. Settlement, £6,400. Sales, 250 tons. High grade, cash, £6,390-£6,400; three months, £6,410-20. Settlement, £6,400. Sales, 170 tons. Singapore tin ex-works, SM1,715 a picul.

LEAD.—Cash gained £6.50 and three months put on £5.25. Afternoon.—Cash, £360.50-61.50 a metric ton; three months, £364-64.50. Sales, 1,850 tons. Morning.—Cash, £361-61.50; three months, £363.25-63.50. Settlement, £361.50. Sales, 2,250 tons.

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £284.50-85.00 a metric ton; three months, £291-92. Sales, 925 tons. Morning.—Cash, £285-85.50; three months, £288.50-89.50. Settlement, £285.50. Sales, 2,900 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £98.35 ($191.75) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was steadier (pence per kilo).—Feb, 46.25-46.60; March, 46.70-47.50; April-June, 48-48.05; July-Sept, 49.70-49.75; Oct-Dec, 51.45-51.50; Jan-March, 53.25-53.40; April-June, 54.95-55.00; July-Sept, 56.80-56.85; Oct-Dec, 58.45-58.60. Sales: 507 lots at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were steady (pence per kilo).—Spot, 46.25-47.25; Cifs, Feb, 46.75-47.00; March, 47.25-47.50.

COFFEE was firmer.—Jan, £1,920-25 per metric ton; March, £1,770-71; May, £1,697-1,700; July, £1,650-60; Sept, £1,600-25; Nov, £1,540-60; Jan, £1,500-25. Sales: 3,092 lots including 10 options.

PALM OIL was quiet.—Jan, £260-70 per metric ton; Feb, £260-70; March, £260-70; April, £250-60; May, £250-60; June, £250-60; July, £250-60; Aug, £250-60; Sept, £250-60.

COCOA was about steady.—March, £1,761-63 per metric ton; May, £1,630-37.50; July, £1,592-95; Sept, £1,560-62; Dec, £1,531-35; March, £1,505-10; May, £1,466-70. Sales, 3,095 lots including 4 options. ICCO prices: daily, 145.05c; 15-day average, 144.21c; 22-day average, 144.82c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR futures were weak. The London daily price of "raws" was unchanged at £107; the "whites" price was unchanged at £111.—March, £116.50-16.75 per metric ton; May, £121.55-21.65; Aug, £124.25-24.40; Oct, £127.25-27.40; Dec, £130-30.50; March, £134-34.25; May, £137-37.75. Sales: 3,481 lots. ISA prices: 8.55c; 15-day average, 8.14c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—Feb, £116.40-17; April, £112.30-12.40; June, £111.30-11.50; Aug, £110.60-12; Oct, £110-12; Dec, £109-09.80; Feb, £109-12. Sales: 100 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady (pence per kilo).—March, 237.5-40.10; May, 236-39; July, 236-39; Oct, 239-49; Dec, 240-42; March, 242-46; May, 244-48; July, 244-48. Sales, nil.

JUTE was steady.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Dec-Jan, $465 per long ton. "D" grade, Dec-Jan, $438. Calcutta was steady.—Indian, spot, Rs570 per bale of 400lb. Dundee Tossa Four, spot, Rs570.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: Jan, £84; Feb, March, £83.50 Tilbury. US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Jan, £80.50; Feb, £81.50 trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French: Jan, £77.50; Feb, £98.25 trans-shipment east coast.

BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was slightly easier: Jan, £70.50; March, £72.45; May, £74.80; Sept, £77.05; Nov, £80. Sales, 66 lots.

WHEAT was slightly easier: Jan, £81.50; March, £83.10; May, £84.55; Sept, £82.05; Nov, £84.60. Sales, 119.

Home-Grown Cereals Authority.—Location ex-farm spot price.—Feed WHEAT: Hertford £70.70.

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 4.—GB: Cattle 58.81p per kgiw (+0.38). UK: Sheep 129.5p per kgestdcw (-3.0). GB: Pigs 58.1p per kgiw (-2.8). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 37.4 per cent, average price 59.15p (+0.64). Sheep numbers down 38.9 per cent, average price 130.2p (-2.51). Pig numbers up 11.0 per cent, average price 58.1p (-2.8). Scotland: Cattle, average price 57.87p. Sheep, average price 128.1p. Pigs: average price 57.9p. No price or number change for Scotland due to holiday.

Foreign Exchange

After surging ahead more than three cents in early active trading yesterday sterling went into a sharp decline behind a rally by the dollar. At the close the pound was 15 points lower on balance at $1.9620 compared with $1.9635 overnight. At one stage the pound dipped to $1.9500. The effective exchange index, although able to close with a small rise at 66.2, was below its best level of 66.6 attained at the noon calculation.

With many market operators believing the recent fall by the dollar had been overdone, it came as no surprise when it staged a spirited recovery when Transatlantic markets began operating.

Gold gained $2.75 an ounce to close in London at $171.875.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) January 4	Market rates (close) January 4
New York	$1.9475-9650	$1.9610-9630
Montreal	$2.1305-1765	$2.1425-1445
Amsterdam	4.37-4¼fl	4.37¾-38¾fl
Brussels	63.05-64fr	63.10-25f
Copenhagen	11.18-32¼k	11.18¼-19¼k
Frankfurt	4.04-10m	4.04½-05½m
Lisbon	76.90-78.00e	76.95-77.15e
Madrid	157.00-159.50p	157.05-20p
Milan	1.688-1.716lr	1.698-99lr
Oslo	9.89-98k	9.89¼-90¼k
Paris	9.04¼-19f	9.05-06f
Stockholm	9.03-13k	9.03½-04½k
Tokyo	460-75y	465½-67½y
Vienna	29.00-50sch	29.15-25sch
Zurich	3.74-81f	3.78½-79½f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, was up 0.1 at 66.2.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	par-.10c disc	.22-.32c disc
Montreal	.05-.15c disc	.30-.40c disc
Amsterdam	⅛c prem-⅛c disc	1⅜-⅞c prem
Brussels	15-25c disc	40-50c disc
Copenhagen	18½-20½ore disc	43½-45½ore disc
Frankfurt	1½-1pf prem	4⅛-3⅝pf prem
Lisbon	55-155c disc	320-420c disc
Madrid	80-150c disc	350-450c disc
Milan	18-26lr disc	49-56lr disc
Oslo	21-23ore disc	46½-49ore disc
Paris	4⅛-5⅛c disc	15½-16½c disc
Stockholm	9½-11½ore disc	26½-28ore disc
Vienna	10-25gro disc	30-40gro disc
Zurich	2⅞-1⅞c prem	5⅛-4⅛c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9149-52.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6⅝-7⅛; seven days, 6⅝-7⅛; one month, 6⅞-6⅞; three months, 7-7⅛; six months, 7⅛-7⅜.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $172.5 (an ounce), pm, $171.85.

Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $178-180 (£90½-91½), resident, $177½-179½ (£90½-91½).

Sovereigns (new), non-resident, $55¾-56¾ (£27¾-28¾); resident, $53-55 (£27-28).

Discount market

Extremely tight money conditions on Lombard Street yesterday provided the Bank of England with the opportunity to curb enthusiasm over interest rates. As part of its programme of exceptionally large assistance, the Bank lent a large sum for one week at MLR (7 per cent), and attached the message that it was to restrain the downward pressure on short-term interest rates in the money market. The Bank also lent a large sum overnight at MLR. Seven or eight houses participated.

The massive shortage of day-to-day funds was created mainly by the combination of the need to settle for a substantial amount of gilts sold by the Government Broker on Tuesday, and by repayment of a large sum lent by the authorities on Friday.

With the market expecting a cut in MLR tomorrow (½ per cent was the favourite bet after the Bank's signal), houses were prepared to bid up at 6½-7 per cent for funds for most of the session. Conditions eased slightly at the close with balances picked up between 5½ and 6½ per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 7% (Last changed 25/11/77)

Clearing Banks Base Rate 6¾-7½%

Discount Mkt Loans%: Overnight: High 7, Low 6¼; Week Fixed: 6½-6¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	6⅛	2 months	5⅞
3 months	5⅞	3 months	5¾

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) / Trades (Dis%)

2 months	6⅛-6⅛	3 months	7
3 months	6⅛-6⅛	4 months	6⅞
4 months	6⅛	6 months	7⅛
6 months	6⅛-6⅛		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	6¼-5¾	7 months	6¼-5¾
2 months	6¼-5¾	8 months	6¼-5¾
3 months	6¼-5¾	9 months	6¼-6¼
4 months	6¼-5¾	10 months	6¼-6¼
5 months	6¼-5¾	11 months	6¼-6¼
6 months	6¼-5¾	12 months	7-6¼

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	6⅛-6⅛	6 months	6⅛-6⅛
3 months	6⅛-6⅛	12 months	6⅞-6⅛

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	6¾-6¼	3 months	6¼
7 days	6½-6¼	6 months	6¼
1 month	6½	1 year	6¼

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 6½-6⅛ Close 6½

1 week	6½-6⅛	6 months	6⅛-6⅞
1 month	6⅛-6⅛	9 months	6⅛-6⅞
3 months	6⅛-6⅛	12 months	6⅞-6⅞

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)

3 months 6⅞ 6 months 6⅞

Finance House Base Rate 6½%

Wall Street

New York, Jan 4.—Prices on the New York Stock Exchange closed sharply lower, responding only briefly to United States intervention to prop up the dollar.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed off 4.16 points to 813.58. Some 920 issues showed losses with about 490 higher. Volume totalled 24,090,000 shares.

The market fell steeply in early trading, and it began to recover after the Fed and the Treasury said the exchange stabilization fund and the Fed's $20,000m swap network would "henceforth be utilized actively".

Brokers reported that many investors were wary that the Fed intervention might not be sufficient to sustain the dollar long in relation to foreign currencies.

Among gold mining issues, Campbell Redlake closed down 1⅞ to 35¼, Dome Mines closed at 65⅞ off 2⅞, Asa Ltd, at 21 down ⅝.

Britisch Petroleum was also one of the most active issues and closed off ⅛ at 16⅛.

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.8750 (1.9670); three months, 1.8773 (1.9705); Canadian dollar, 91.23 (91.49).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 347.07. The futures index was 357.74.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 813.58 (817.74); transportation, 215.43 (215.77); utilities, 110.75 (110.98); 65 stocks, 282.97 (283.99). New York Stock Exchange index, 51.65 (51.82); industrials, 55.40 (55.60); transportation, 40.05 (40.08); utilities, 40.18 (40.30); financial, 52.84 (53.21).

Gold falls by $5.80

Chicago, Jan 4.—GOLD futures closed sharply lower. On the Comex prices were down $4.90 to $5.20. Prices on the IMM were off $4.30 to $5.80. NY COMEX: Jan, $166.90; Feb, $168.00; March, $169.00; April, $170.30; June, $172.50; Aug, $174.80; Oct, $177.10; Dec, $179.40; Feb, $181.90; April, $184.40; June, $187.00; Aug, $189.60; Oct, 192.20. CHICAGO IMM: March, $168.60-169.30; June, $171.90-172.40; Sept, $176.10-175.50; Dec, $178.80 asked; March, $182.66 bid; June, $190.00 asked; Sept, $190.50 asked.

SILVER.—Values, which had been showing signs of a two to three cents recovery early in the afternoon, skidded 11.10 to 11.90 cents on balance to the day's lows, and down in key months from the day's highs by more than 14 cents. Jan, 481.10c; Feb, 483.80c; March, 487.00c; May, 493.60c; July, 500.20c; Sept, 506.80c; Dec, 516.70c; Jan, 520.20c; March, 526.80c; May, 533.40c; July, 540.10c; Sept, 546.90c. Handy and Harman of Canada, Can$5.582 (previous $5.366).

COPPER.—Futures closed steady between 70 and 80 points down on 6,000 lots: Jan, 59.80c; Feb, 60.20c; March, 60.60c; May, 61.50c; July, 62.50c; Sept, 63.40c; Dec, 64.70c; Jan, 65.20c; March, 66.10c; May, 67.00c; July, 67.90c; Sept, 68.80c.

SUGAR.—Futures in No. 11 contract were: March, 9.11-12c; May, 9.50c; July, 9.74-77c; Sept, 9.93-94c; Oct, 10.07c; Jan, 10.61c; March, 10.65-0.78c; May, 10.85-0.87c.

COTTON.—Futures were: March 53.50-60c; May 54.60c; July 55.35c; Oct 56.40-50c; Dec 57.15c; March 57.85-80c; May 58.50c.

COFFEE.—Futures in "C" contract were: March 197.00-50c; May 185.50-74c; July 176.43c; Sept 172.50c; Dec 158.00c bid; March 155.50c; May 150.00-50.00c.

COCOA.—Prices closed 2.50 to 1.00 cents lower. March, 143.05c; May, 133.50c; July, 129.15c; Sept, 126.35c; Dec, 123.30c; March, 120.95c; May, 119.45c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Meal futures gained $1.50 to $5.70 a ton while Oil futures continued to lose ground and dropped 0.22 to 0.05 cent a lb. SOYABEANS. Jan, 593-91c; March, 602½-01c; May, 610-09c; July, 614½-16c; Aug, 614c; Sept, 597c; Nov, 594½-95c; Jan, 600c. SOYABEAN OIL. Jan, 20.50c; March, 20.75-70c; May, 20.90-85c; July, 20.95c; Aug, 20.95-21.00c; Sept, 20.60c; Oct, 20.35-40c; Dec, 20.35c; Jan, 20.35-35c. SOYABEAN MEAL. Jan, $165.50-5.60; March, $166.00-5.80; May, $167.50-8.00; July, $169.50-9.00; Aug, $169.80-170.00; Sept, $167.50-8.00; Oct, $166.50; Dec, $167.50.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT: March, 277⅞-⅞c; May, 283⅞-84c; July, 287⅞-88c; Sept, 292⅞c; Dec, 298c. CORN: March, 222⅞-23⅞c; May, 227c; July, 229-29⅞c; Sept, 229⅞c; Dec, 230⅞-⅞c; March, 236⅞c. OATS: March, 130⅞c; May, 134⅞c; July, 135c bid; Sept, 130⅞c bid; Dec, 136⅞c bid.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

US STRAIGHTS ($)

	Bid	Offer
Australia 7½ 1984	96¼	97
Australia 8¼ 1993	96¼	97
Aust Mining 9½ 1992	99	99¾
Avco 9½ 1985	100¾	101
Barclays 8½ 1992	97¼	98¼
Bowater 9½ 1992	98¾	99¾
British Gas 9 1981	102¾	103¼
Citicorp 6½ 1980	97	97¾
Citicorp 7 1981	97	97¾
CECA 8½ 1989	97	97¾
CECA 8¾ 1997	98	98¾
DSM 8½ 1987	96¼	97
Elf Aquitaine 8½ 1985	97	97¾
EIB 8½ 1987	97¾	98¼
EEC 7½ 1984	96¼	97¼
Fisons 8½ 1992	96	96¾
Gotaverken 7½ 1982	98¼	99¼
Gotaverken 8½ 1981	95¾	96¾
Hydro Quebec 9 1992	97¾	98¼
ICI 8½ 1987	97¼	98¼
IU O'seas 8½ 1987	97	97¾
Light-Servicos 9 1982	97¾	98¼
MacMillan Bloed 9 1992	99¾	100
Midland Int 8½ 1992	98	98¾
NCB 8 1987	95½	96¼
Nat West 9 1986	103	103¾
New Zealand DFC 7½ 1984	96	96¾
Nippon Fudosan 8 1981	99¼	100¼
Occidental 8½ 1987	98¼	99¼
Occidental 9½ 1981	102¾	103¼
Offshore Mining 8½ 1983	97¾	98¼
Quebec 9 1995	97	97¾
Rank Hovis 9 1992	96¼	97
R. J. Reynolds 7½ 1982	98¾	99¼
Sandvik 9½ 1986	100¼	101¼
Statsforetag 7¾ 1982	97¼	98
Sundstrand 8½ 1987	97	98
Sweden 7½ 1982	97¼	98¼
Sweden 8½ 1987	97	97¾
Tauernautobahn 8½ 1987	97	98¼
Walter Kidde 8½ 1983	98	98¾

FLOATING RATE NOTES

	Bid	Offer
Andelsbanken 7 1984	96¼	96¾
CCF 6½ 1985	99	99¾
IBJ 6½ 1982	99¼	99¾
LTCB 6½ 1982	99¼	99¾
OKB 6½ 1983	99	99¾
Soc Gen 7 9-16 1984	97¼	97¾

CANADIAN DOLLARS

	Bid	Offer
Avco 9½ 1982	99¾	100¾
PSI-RH 9½ 1982	98¼	99¼
Ford 8½ 1984	99¾	100
British Columbia MFA 9 1997	99¼	100¼
Rank 9½ 1982	100¾	101¾
Walter Heller 9½ 1984	100¾	101¾

DEUTSCHE MARKS

	Bid	Offer
CFP 6½ 1.7.84	101	101½
ICI 6½ 1.5.87	104¼	105
New Zealand 6½ 1.6.84	101	101½
Pharm 6½ 1.9.89	101¼	102
Quebec Hydro 6½ 16.8.87	100¾	101½

US $ CONVERTIBLES

	Bid	Offer
American Express 4½ 1987	79	81
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	94½	96½
Beatrice Foods 6½ 1991	110	112
Beecham 6½ 1992	102½	103½
Borden 6¾ 1991	108½	110½
Carnation 4 1988	78	80
Chevron 5 1988	120½	123½
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	84½	86½
Fairchild Camera 5½ 1991	80	82
Ford 5 1988	82	84
Ford 6 1986	95½	97½
General Electric 4¼ 1987	81	83
Gillette 4¾ 1987	76½	78½
Gould 5 1987	111	113
Gulf & Western 5 1988	76	78
Honeywell 6 1986	84½	86½
ICI 6¾ 1992	87¼	88¼
INA 6 1997	95	96
Inchcape 6¾ 1992	108½	109½
ITT 4½ 1987	76	78
J Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	162½	164½
Mitsui Real Estate 6 1992	118	119½
J P Morgan 4¼ 1987	94½	96½
Nabisco 5½ 1988	97½	99½
J C Penney 4½ 1987	74½	76½
Revlon 4½ 1987	113	114
Reynolds Metals 5 1988	84½	86½
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	83½	85½
Squibb 4½ 1987	77½	79½
Sumitomo Electric 6 1992	119½	121½
Texaco 4½ 1988	75	77
Union Bank of Switz 4½ 1987	131	132½
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	80	82
Xerox Corp 5 1988	76½	78½

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Bath (City of) 11¼% 1985 (£99¾d)	£24¾
Cardiff City 11% Rd 1986 (£100d)	£31¾
Farmer S.W. 25p Ord (104)	120+10
Grampian Reg Cnel 10¾% 1995 (£99½)	£61¼-¾
Holden (Arthur) 25p Ord (53)	65
Mid Kent Wtr 7% 1982 (£A)	£12¼
St Helens 11¼% 1985 (£99¾d)	£54
Sykes (Henry) 25p Ord	104

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Fenning Mtr (62½)	Feb 10	1½ prem
Nat Bnk of Aust (A$1.75)	Mar 3	35 prem-5

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £15 paid. d £30 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £3 paid. h £55 paid. i £45 paid. j £60 paid.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
44	27	Airsprung Ord	39	—	4.2	10.8	7.3
150	100	Airsprung 18½% CULS	141	−1	18.4	13.0	—
39	25	Armitage & Rhodes	36	—	3.3	9.2	15.3
145	105	Bardon Hill	143	—	12.0	8.4	9.8
102	48	Deborah Ord	101	—	5.1	5.2	8.0
216	104	Deborah 17½% CULS	211	—	17.5	8.0	—
147	120	Frederick Parker	140	—	11.5	8.0	6.9
58	36	Jackson Group	46	−2	5.0	10.9	5.4
114	55	James Burrough	110	—	6.0	5.5	10.1
340	188	Robert Jenkins	315	—	27.0	8.5	5.3
24	8	Twinlock Ord	16	—	—	—	—
77	57	Twinlock 12% ULS	73	+2	12.0	16.4	—
73	51	Unilock Holdings	73	—	7.0	9.7	9.0
87	65	Walter Alexander	83	—	6.4	7.7	6.1

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

Insurance Bonds and Funds

Offshore and International Funds

● Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous day's price. ♦ Ex all. r Dealings suspended. e Subdivided. f Cash value for £100 premium. g Ex bonus. h Estimated yield. k Yield before Jersey tax. p Periodic premium. s Single premium. Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (6) Jan 18. (8) Jan 17. (10) Jan 31. (14) Feb 1. (15) Jan 16. (18) Jan 11. (18) Jan 11. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly.

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Stock Exchange Prices

Strong day for properties

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Jan 3. Dealings End, Jan 13. § Contango Day, Jan 16. Settlement Day Jan 24

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

MAN IN WOOL Pure new wool Drummonds Freedom Suitings ask your tailor

BRITISH FUNDS

1977-78 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
101¼	95¾	Treas 9½% 1978	100½	..	8.954	6.205
104¾	97¾	Treas 10½% 1978	102¾	..	10.213	5.022
100⅛	90⅝	Exch 5½% 1976-78	99⅞	..	5.031	5.870
107	95⅝	Treas 11¼% 1979	105	..	10.852	6.997
97⅞	94⅞	Treas 3% 1979	96¼	..	3.117	5.339
96⅛	85¼	Elec 4½% 1974-79	97¾	..	4.370	5.951
106⅝	97⅝	Treas 10½% 1979	104⅝	..	10.042	7.749
97½	84⅞	Elec 3½% 1976-79	96⅝	..	3.632	5.979
100⅝	87⅝	Treas Cnv 9% 1980	103	..	8.738	7.475
105¾	88⅝	Treas 9½% 1980	102⅝	..	9.240	8.170
98	83⅞	Treas 3½% 1977-80	95¼	..	3.673	5.612
98¾	83⅞	Fund 5½% 1978-80	96¼	..	5.448	6.892
112⅜	96⅜	Exch 13% 1980	110	..	11.819	8.979
106⅝	92⅝	Treas 11½% 1981	106⅛	..	10.836	9.139
94⅛	77⅝	Treas 3½% 1979-81	91¼	..	3.840	6.702
104	86⅞	Treas 9¾% 1981	101½	..	9.606	9.198
97⅜	90⅝	Exch 8¼% 1981	97	..	8.504	9.290
110½	97⅛	Exch 9¾% 1981	105	..	9.441	9.310
92⅛	87⅞	Exch 3% 1981	87¾	..	3.419	6.883
115⅞	96⅜	Exch 12¾% 1981	110⅞	..	11.546	9.479
100⅝	83⅝	Treas 8¼% 1980-82	99⅞	..	8.364	8.727
93⅝	72⅞	Treas 3% 1982	86⅞	..	3.466	6.816
119⅜	101⅜	Treas 14% 1982	115⅝	..	12.110	9.108
99⅞	93⅝	Treas 8½% 1982	98⅞	..	8.584	9.336
103⅛	97⅝	Exch 9¾% 1982	100⅛	..	9.245	9.228
87⅝	81⅞	Exch 3% 1983	84½	..	3.598	6.898
114⅛	95⅞	Treas 12% 1983	114⅞	..	10.650	9.378
101⅛	96⅛	Treas 9½% 1983	99⅞	..	9.303	9.395
97	72⅞	Fund 5½% 1982-84	89⅞	..	6.143	7.710
98⅜	77⅝	Treas 8¼% 1984-86	96⅝	..	8.790	9.088
87⅛	67	Fund 6½% 1985-87	87⅝	..	7.539	8.694
92⅞	68⅞	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	89⅞	..	8.620	9.336
73⅞	49⅞	Trans 3% 1978-88	74⅜	..	4.406	7.440
79⅛	54⅛	Treas 5% 1986-89	74⅜	..	6.782	8.986
120⅝	98⅞	Treas 13% 1990	114⅞	..	11.285	10.720
93⅞	67⅞	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	89⅛	..	9.310	9.859
111	90⅞	Treas 11¾% 1991	106⅛	..	11.056	10.845
79⅞	54	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	74⅜	..	7.834	9.277
117	88⅜	Treas 12¾% 1992	111⅜	..	11.351	11.010
96⅞	82⅞	Treas 10% 1992	96	..	10.583	10.750
113	99⅞	Exch 12½% 1992	112⅞	..	11.332	11.108
115⅜	84⅞	Treas 12½% 1993	110⅞	..	11.306	11.074
72⅞	51⅞	Fund 6% 1993	72⅞	..	8.341	9.732
125	96	Treas 13¾% 1993	119⅞	..	11.630	11.256
127⅛	99	Treas 14½% 1994	123⅞	..	11.746	11.308
114⅛	94⅞	Exch 12½% 1994	112⅜	..	11.391	11.204
104⅜	66⅞	Treas 9% 1994	89⅞	..	10.167	10.461
110⅝	97⅛	Treas 12% 1995	108⅜	..	11.218	11.081
51⅞	32⅞	Gas 3% 1990-95	51⅞	..	5.858	8.397
119⅜	87⅞	Treas 12¾% 1995	113⅝	..	11.389	11.185
91⅞	67	Treas 9% 1992-96	90⅞	..	10.275	10.550
133⅜	101⅛	Treas 15¼% 1996	131⅞	..	11.674	11.486
121⅞	89⅛	Exch 13¼% 1996	117⅞	..	11.484	11.254
50	32	Rdmptn 3% 1986-96	49⅞	..	6.113	8.488
121	87⅞	Treas 13¼% 1997	114⅞	..	11.475	11.264
98⅞	90⅞	Exch 10½% 1997	98	..	10.877	10.938
89⅞	65⅞	Treas 8¾% 1997	89⅞	..	10.285	10.364
73⅞	51	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	72⅞	..	9.519	10.164
135⅞	103⅞	Treas 15½% 1998	135	..	11.949	11.545
99⅞	66⅞	Treas 9½% 1999	90⅞	..	10.484	10.626
43⅞	27⅞	Fund 3½% 1999-04	42⅞	..	8.244	9.459
81⅞	57⅞	Treas 8% 2002-06	80⅞	..	10.180	10.339
59⅞	40⅞	Treas 5½% 2008-12	58⅞	..	9.762	10.029
80	53⅞	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	76⅞	..	10.123	10.205
38⅞	20⅞	Consols 4%	37	..	10.728	..
39⅞	25⅞	War Ln 3½%	37	..	9.548	..
39⅞	26⅞	Conv 3½%	38⅞	..	9.164	..
29⅞	20⅞	Treas 3%	28⅞	..	10.616	..
24⅞	17⅞	Consols 2½%	24	..	10.420	..
24	17⅞	Treas 2½% Aft 75	23⅞	..	10.771	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
101½	91⅞	Aust 5½% 76-78	100⅞	..	5.528	7.387
96⅞	79⅞	Aust 5½% 77-80	94	..	5.853	8.912
94⅞	69⅞	Aust 5½% 81-82	86⅞	..	6.329	9.353
87⅞	59⅞	Aust 6% 81-83	85⅞	..	7.066	9.386
94⅞	77⅞	Aust 7% 79-81	94⅞	..	7.381	9.533
90	90	Chilean Mixed	90	..	..	..
73⅞	61⅞	E Africa 5½% 77-83	73	..	7.910	12.909
340	197	German 4½% 1930	340	..	..	..
42	32⅞	Hungary 4½% 1924	42	..	..	..
90⅞	60⅞	Ireland 7½% 81-83	87⅞	..	..	..
89⅞	54⅞	Jamaica 7½% 77-79	85⅞	..	8.096	10.949
251	235	Japan Ass 4% 1910	245	-10	..	..
79	63	Japan 6% 83-88	78	..	..	..
78	66	Kenya 5% 78-82	78	..	6.578	12.656
86	69	Malaya 7½% 78-82	86	..	9.039	12.499
96	81½	N Z 6% 76-80	96	..	6.396	9.209
79	53⅞	N Z 7½% 88-92	74	..	9.795	10.675
89	66⅞	N Z 7½% 83-86	87	..	8.665	9.695
91	74	N Rhd 6% 78-81	89	..	6.724	10.258
91	74	Nyasa 6% 78-81	89	..	6.724	10.258
155	145	Peru 6% Ass	155	..	..	..
93	83	S Africa 9½% 79-81	93	..	..	..
62	30	S Rhd 2½% 65-70	62	..	..	..
58	30	S Rhd 4½% 87-92	58	..	..	..
78	44	S Rhd 6% 78-81	77	..	..	..
55	47½	Spanish 4%	48	..	..	..
80	67	Tang 5½% 78-82	80	..	7.368	12.754
90	60	Uruguay 3½%	90	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
27	20¼	L C C 3% 1920	26	..	11.530	..
84½	64¼	L C C 5% 80-83	84½	..	6.005	9.065
92⅞	72	L C C 5½% 77-81	92⅞	..	5.970	7.921
83¾	62	L C C 5½% 82-84	84¼	..	6.514	8.686
78½	53¼	L C C 5½% 85-87	75	..	7.370	7.378
100⅛	92	L C C 6% 75-78	99⅞	..	6.006	6.942
96½	81¼	L C C 6% 76-79	96¼	..	6.234	8.484
79	52¼	G L C 6½% 88-90	77¼	..	8.677	9.868
75¼	52	G L C 6½% 90-92	75¼	..	9.229	10.430
100½	82	G L C 9¼% 80-82	96¼	..	9.636	9.830
107	93½	G L C 12¼% 1982	107	..	11.676	10.454
111½	91	G L C 12¼% 1983	111½	..	11.736	10.921
100	83¼	C of L 6½% 75-78	100	..	6.500	6.484
89¼	70½	C of L 6¾% 80-82	88¼	..	7.574	10.540
92½	69¾	Ag Mt 7¼% 81-84	92½	..	8.606	9.813
77¾	56¼	Ag Mt 7% 91-93	77¾	..	10.267	11.110
73½	52¼	Ag Mt 6½% 85-90	73½	..	9.279	10.619
91¼	73¼	Belfast 6½% 77-80	91½	..	7.103	10.009
98	84½	Brightn 6¾% 76-79	97½	..	6.668	8.561
97¾	85	Camden 6½% 77-79	97¼	..	6.651	8.549
91¼	72½	Croydon 6¾% 78-81	89¾	..	7.563	10.173
96¼	85½	Edin 6½% 77-79	98	..	6.634	9.392
103	80	Glasgow 9¼% 80-82	96⅛	..	9.571	10.105
100	89	Gwich 6¾% 76-78	100	..	6.753	6.738
110¼	94½	Liverpl 13½% 1981	109½	..	12.333	10.270
32½	22¾	Met Water B 3% 34-03	32½	..	9.526	11.201
89½	76½	N I 6½% 79-80	89½	..	7.342	13.251
85¼	60	N I 7% 82-84	84¼	..	8.374	10.624
98¼	65	N I Elec 6½% 81-83	86	..	7.749	10.675
100	89½	Notts 6¾% 76-78	100	..	6.752	6.739
96¼	84	Sthend 5½% 77-79	96¼	..	5.422	8.467
85	60¼	Swark 6¾% 83-86	84¼	..	8.062	9.515
94¼	77¼	Surrey 6½% 78-80	94¼	..	6.370	8.916

1977-78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E

Investment Dollar Premium 88½% (71¼%).
Premium Conversion Factor 0.7802.

FOREIGN STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
54½	41¼	Bayer	£42	-1	197	4.7	18.6
15¼	11¼	Commerzbank	£13	-1	44.2	3.4	14.9
22⅝	17½	Cp Fn Paris	£19	-1	187	9.9	6.2
52	43	EBES	£46½	-1	281	6.0	..
23	14	Ericsson	£17¼	-¼	69.2	3.9	20.1
23	6	Finsider	6	..	..	..	..
11	4½	Granges	£4½	..	..	..	..
560	400	Hoechst	400	-10	19.7	4.9	13.8
34	8	Montecatini E	8	..	..	..	..
630	493	Robeco fl.5	492	-33	29.7	6.0	28.2
481	342	Rolinco Subs fl 5	342	-9	..	..	44.1
100	30	Snia Viscosa	30	-1	..	..	..
965	720	Thyssen-Huette	730	-25	..	..	13.1
74¼	42	Volkswagen	£64	-2	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
10¼	8¼	Brascan	£8¾	-½	57.4	6.6	3.9
12	6	BP Canada	£10¼	-½	..	..	..
15¼	10¼	Can Pac Ord	£10¼	-¼	47.0	4.6	7.9
16¼	10¼	El Paso	£10¼	-¼	41.7	4.1	19.2
47½	30½	Exxon Corp	£30½	-2½	..	..	..
31	23¼	Fluor	£23¾	-1¼	63.7	2.7	10.5
23½	17¾	Hollinger	£17¾	-1½	..	..	..
30¾	23¼	Hud Bay Oil	£29	-1¼	28.9	1.0	82.7
24¼	14¼	Husky Oil	£16¼	-1¾	..	..	..
23¾	11	INCO	£11	-¼	56.3	5.1	7.1
11¾	7	IU Int	£7	-½	52.4	7.5	9.6
23½	20	Kaiser Alum	£20	-½	81.4	4.1	..
13¾	9¼	Massey-Ferg	£9¼	-½	58.1	6.3	2.7
17¼	12¼	Norton Simon	£12¾	-¾	43.7	3.4	10.3
27¼	20	Pacific Petrol	£24¾	-2¾	..	..	..
24¾	17¼	Pan Canadian	£20¾	-¾	..	..	..
200	130	Steep Rock	145	-5	..	..	..
12¾	8¾	Trans Can P	£8¾	-¾	..	..	..
42	19¾	US Steel	£20¾	-1¼	..	..	..
735	725	White Pass	725	..	15.9	2.2	21.0
12¾	7½	Zapata Corp	£9¾	-¾	15.7	1.6	4.9

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
303	185	Alexs Discount	283	+5	22.0	7.8	63.7
565	350	Allen H & Ross	530	..	46.5	8.8	9.5
159	99½	Allied Irish	159	+4	10.0b	6.3	5.5
195	108	Arb-Latham	158	..	14.3	9.1	10.3
277	235	ANZ Grp	235	-11	21.6b	4.9	6.0
22½	14¾	Bank America	£14¾	-¾	49.3	3.4	11.6
335	202½	Bk of Ireland	355	+5	20.1b	5.7	6.7
27	15	Bk Leumi Israel	19	..	1.1	5.9	4.7
200	170	Bk Leumi UK	170	..	11.2	6.6	14.9
540	370	Bk of NSW	410	-15	18.6	4.5	7.8
308	223	Bk of Scotland	306	+3	16.5	5.4	8.1
34¼	22	Bnks Trst NY	£22	-1¼	175	7.9	7.9
345	227	Barclays Bank	338	..	16.4	4.8	8.4
205	115	Brown Shipley	200	..	14.0	7.0	7.4
358	235	Cater Ryder	314	-9	26.8	8.5	..
28¼	19	Chase Man	£19	-1½	128	6.7	9.1
20¼	14½	Citicorp	£14½	-1¼	61.7	4.3	7.1
93	51½	Clive Discount	83	+1	7.2	8.7	9.4
273	200	Com Bk of Aust	200	-10	10.3	5.2	7.6
170	115	Com Bk of Syd	125	-3	8.3	6.6	..
17¼	13¾	CC De France	£14¼	..	131	9.2	10.1
3½	¾	First Nat Fin	1¾	..	..	..	..
12½	7	Fraser Ans	11½	+1	..	..	..
210	130	Gerrard & Nat	196	+2	12.4	6.3	8.6
51	37	Gibbs A.	45	..	3.0	6.6	16.9
277	161¼	Gillett Bros	250	..	23.4	9.3	11.6
129	55	Grindlays Hldgs	118	+2	4.6	3.9	6.3
220	150	Guinness Peat	210	..	15.1	7.2	10.4
21	12	Hambros £10	£18	..	144	8.0	..
257	142	Do Ord	217	..	14.4	6.6	6.3
116	74	Hill Samuel	97	..	6.7	6.9	8.5
349½	234	Hong K & Shang	234	-6	7.7b	3.3	20.1
88	54½	Jessel Toynbee	84	..	6.2	7.4	..
195	115	Joseph L.	180	..	12.0	6.7	3.9
51	21	Keyser Ullmann	44	+2	0.5	1.1	..
90	45	King & Shaxson	74	+1	5.1	6.9	7.1
134	76	Kleinwort Ben	110	..	5.9	5.3	9.1
292	185	Lloyds Bank	288	..	13.2	4.6	3.8
177	92	Mercury Secs.	132	+2	5.1	3.9	8.5
390	245	Midland	385	..	20.6	5.3	6.7
65	38	Minster Assets	64	..	5.3b	8.3	9.3
240	175	Nat of Aust	185	-18	8.7	4.7	7.7
75	38	Nat Com Bk Grp	77	+1	4.0	5.2	5.7
297	205	Nat W'minster	286	+4	16.5	5.7	6.7
40	29	Ottoman	£40	+1	250	6.3	11.2
64	45	Rea Bros	60	..	2.4	4.0	12.8
21⅝	16	Royal of Can	£16¼	-1¼	70.3	4.4	12.5
420	290	Schroders	420	+20	15.7	3.7	14.8
250	189½	Seccombe Mar	240	..	18.7	7.8	7.1
100	58	Smith St Aubyn	92	+2	7.3	8.0	..
410	293	Standard Chart	417	..	27.6	6.6	6.0
515	285	Union Discount	470	..	32.4	6.9	18.9
74	37	Wintrust	66	..	4.6	6.9	26.3

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
99	58	Allied	93	..	5.6n	6.0	13.3
166	87	Bass Charrgton	156	..	7.3	4.7	10.5
42	26	Belhaven Grp	41	..	..	..	..
234	79¼	Bell A.	228	..	7.4	3.2	9.1
136	68	Boddingtons	138	..	5.9	4.3	14.7
106	64	Brown M.	106	..	5.9	5.6	11.6
177	95	Bulmer H P.	136	..	4.9	3.6	8.0
147	75	Burtonwood	146	..	4.8	3.3	10.2
64	40	C of Ldn Dfd	64	+1	3.6	5.7	25.1
147	100	Devenish	143	..	8.9	6.3	7.6
191½	110	Distillers	176	-1	9.9	5.6	11.1
590	190	Glenlivet Dist	500	..	6.4	1.3	34.1
104	58	Greenall	104	..	4.0	3.8	10.3
240	132	Greene King	225	..	10.9	4.8	12.6
196	124	Guinness	187	..	10.6	5.7	9.0
140	95	Hardys & H'sons	140	..	10.6	7.6	8.4
143	53	Highland	135	-1	4.4	3.2	20.6
100	35	Invergordon	96	..	4.0	3.3	11.6
117	43	Irish Distillers	117	+1	5.4	4.6	18.3
52	31	Marston	52	..	2.8	5.0	8.0
70½	46	Scot & Newcastle	66½	+½	4.7	7.1	14.6
19¼	13¾	Seagram	£14¼	-½	45.7	3.2	10.4
66	40	SA Breweries	60	..	6.3	10.6	4.2
107	42	Tomatin	103	..	4.1	4.0	30.2
400	223	Vaux	387	+1	24.4	6.1	10.1
96	50½	Whitbread 'A'	94	..	5.6	5.9	10.7
99	60	Do B	96	..	5.6	5.8	10.9
94	55	Whitbread Inv	88	..	5.7	6.5	24.2
186	114	Wolverhampton	185	+2	8.7	4.5	11.5

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A—B

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
120	77	AAH	120	+3	8.3	6.9	8.8
142	86	AB Electronic	112	..	7.6	6.8	7.7
37	25	AC Cars	37	..	1.5	3.9	8.2
84	32	AGB Research	82	-1	3.5	4.2	13.6
226½	134	APV Hldgs	222	..	8.1	3.7	8.8
73	43	Aaronson Bros	60	..	2.8	4.7	6.8
114	62	Acrow	114	+4	3.6	3.2	13.0
98	52	Do A	93	+1	3.6	3.9	10.6
41	21	Adda Int	33	+2	0.8	2.3	..
282	150	Adwest Group	266	+4	15.2	5.7	7.3
63	34	Aeron't & Gen	58	..	3.5	6.0	10.3
62	42	Airfix Ind	49	..	4.6	9.3	6.5
121	79	Albright & W	101	-1	6.5	6.4	6.6
96	69	Alcan 10½%	£88½	..	1050	11.9	..
122	71	Do 9% Cnv	£120	-1	900	7.5	..
300	205	Alginate Ind	292	..	19.7	6.7	10.6
77	41	Allen E. Balfour	56	..	6.6	11.7	..
56½	25½	Allen W. G.	54	..	3.9	7.2	4.0
100¼	44½	Allied Colloids	99	..	2.3	2.6	15.7
66	43	Allied Insulators	60	+1	5.3	8.8	7.2
13¾	7½	Allied Plant	13½	..	1.1	7.9	8.1
50	19	Allied Polymer	50	..	3.4	6.7	24.5
187	75½	Allied Retailers	187	+1	12.1	6.5	9.0
48	19	Alpine Hldgs	45	..	2.5	5.5	26.9
282	210	Amal Metal	272	..	21.5	7.9	5.3
138	57¾	Amal Power	127	+1	8.0	6.3	7.1
39	21	Amber Day	36½	..	2.9	8.0	5.2
18	8	Amber Ind Hldgs	16	..	0.8n	4.7	2.4
96	41	Anchor Chem	71	..	6.0	8.4	7.9
57½	34	Anderson Strath	53	+3½	3.8	7.2	7.2
84	48½	Anglia TV 'A'	84	+2	6.0	7.1	7.3
540	390	Anglo Amer Ind	430	..	42.9	10.0	4.9
42	22	Ang Swiss Hldgs	33	..	..e	..	..
91	49	Appleyard	76	..	6.7	8.9	6.6
38½	18½	Aquascutum 'A'	38½	..	2.1	5.5	8.7
122	60	Arlington Mtr	122	..	11.7	9.6	8.9
75	38	Armitage Shanks	72	+2½	6.5	9.0	10.4
73	39	Armst Equip	60	..	3.1	5.1	10.3
63	44	Asprey 9½% Pf	49	..	6.0	12.2	..
93¼	55¼	Ass Biscuit	90	+2	4.8	5.3	8.7
172	85	Ass Book	172	+5	6.1	3.5	7.6
76½	48	Ass Brit Food	65	..	3.3	5.0	6.6
143	83	Ass Engineer	122	..	7.1	5.8	6.3
62	36	Ass Fisheries	62	+2	3.4	5.5	12.4
63	26½	Ass Leisure	61	-1	4.3	7.0	11.4
196	121	Ass News	166	+10	8.1	4.9	9.5
52	20	Ass Paper	51	..	4.5	8.8	..
294	153	Ass Port Cement	265	+2	13.1	5.0	8.7
116	68½	Ass Tel 'A'	115	-1	9.9	8.6	8.0
28	23	Ass Tooling	26	..	3.5	13.3	20.2
35	23	Astbury & Madley	35	+1	1.7	4.7	5.5
51	27	Atkins Bros	49	..	5.6	11.4	7.6
43	27	Audiotronic	33	..	..e	..	7.9
37	23	Ault & Wiborg	34	..	2.9	8.4	7.2
95	56	Aurora Hldgs	95	+1	7.9	8.3	4.6
70	30	Austin E.	70	..	5.5	7.8	5.0
113½	51	Automotive Pd	99½	+½	2.8	2.8	8.0
34	14½	Avana Grp	31½	+1½	1.6	4.9	7.9
174	113	Averys	153½	..	8.3	5.4	9.3
197	74	Avon Rubber	197	+9	14.1	7.1	2.9
307	235	B.A.T. Ind	285	-3	20.0	7.0	6.1
260	203	Do Dfd	235	-5	..	..	..
68	39	BBA Grp	61	..	3.4	5.6	8.9
136	87	BICC	110	-3	10.0	9.1	13.1
82	61	BOC Int	78	..	4.8	6.1	5.3
278	111	BPB Ind	244	..	11.0	4.5	7.5
50	26	BPM Hldgs 'A'	47	..	4.3	9.2	6.3
40¼	17½	BSG Int	40½	+¾	3.2	7.8	6.8
151	91	BSR Ltd	91	..	7.1	7.8	4.1
292	142½	BTR Ltd	255	+1	13.8	5.4	8.8
144	70	Babcock & W	118	+1	8.0	6.7	5.1
36	21	Baggeridge Brk	31	..	3.5	11.4	9.7
8¼	3	Bailey C.H. Ord	7¼	+¾	0.3	4.3	56.7
169	93	Baird W.	161	..	14.1	8.7	6.1
112	65	Baker Perkins	102	..	6.3	6.1	6.1
53	28½	Bambergers	46	+1	4.5	9.8	5.2
15	3½	Barker & Dobson	15	+1	..e	..	..
208	144	Barlow Rand	182	..	16.5	9.0	3.7
68	39	Barr & Wallace	68	+5	5.1	7.5	6.6
66	37	Do A	66	+4	5.1	7.8	6.4
120	56½	Barratt Devs	120	..	12.2b	10.2	5.6
54	36	Barrow Hepbn	47	-1	5.6	11.9	6.3
53	40	Barton & Sons	47	..	5.0	10.6	4.4
153	69	Bassett G.	153	+2	7.8	5.1	9.4
99	29	Bath & P'land	77	+2	5.0	6.5	4.3
87	34	Beales J.	58	..	4.0	6.8	4.3
183	86	Beatson Clark	170	+4	7.6	4.5	6.8
46½	25½	Beauford Grp	45	..	4.6	10.2	7.7
73¾	45	Beckman A.	72	+1	6.6	8.4	8.0
690	373	Beecham Grp	670	..	26.0	4.2	14.0
83	39½	Bejam Grp	70	..	2.2	3.1	8.7
85	54	Bemrose Corp	72	..	5.8	8.1	6.9
70	22½	Benn Bros	65	+1	3.3	5.0	10.5
227	148¼	Beris'd S & W	217	..	12.5	5.8	9.7
56	31	Berisfords	56	+2	3.4	6.1	6.9
50	36	Best & May	49	..	4.1	8.4	8.6
163	122	Bestobell	159	..	14.3	9.0	8.2
66	28	Bett Bros	66	+2	2.4	3.7	6.9
201	102	Bibby J.	197	+4	10.1	5.1	6.8
74	54	Birmid Qualcast	64	-1	6.2	9.7	7.7
77	50	Birm'gham Mint	60	..	6.6	11.0	6.5
230	148	Bishops Stores	200	..	3.7	1.9	11.3
205	87	Do A NV	160	..	3.7	2.3	9.0
123	68	Black & Edg'tn	117	..	6.4	5.5	15.5
40	15	Blackman & C	19	..	..	..	33.9
93	49	Blackwd Hodge	82	..	4.4	5.4	7.3
27½	15	Blackwood Mt	26	..	..	..	14.9
236	122	Blagden & N	238	..	18.3	7.6	9.0
73	39	Blundell Perm	62	..	4.4	7.1	8.4
13	7½	Boardman K. O.	13	..	1.5	11.3	3.4
61	33	Bodycote	60	..	3.4	5.6	6.1
26	17	Bonser Eng	24	+2	2.0	8.5	13.3
240	128	Booker McCon	228	+2	10.7	4.7	10.4
183	84	B'sey & Hawkes	183	+7	7.3	4.0	7.5
157	87	Boot H.	137	..	12.5	9.1	6.2
242	115	Boots	230	+2	4.3	1.9	17.6
97	71	Borthwick T.	72	..	9.4	13.0	9.9
28½	14	Boulton W.	20	..	2.1	10.4	8.5
216	160	Bowater Corp	184	+3	14.7	8.0	8.7
66	34	Bowthorpe Hldgs	58	..	2.3	4.0	7.1
88	62	Braby Leslie	85	+1	8.0	9.4	4.9
76	60	Brady Ind	71	+2	8.6	12.1	13.5
73	57	Do A	71	+2	8.6	12.1	13.5
40	23¼	Braham Millar	39	..	2.3	5.8	5.3
37½	17	Braid Grp	37½	+½	2.0	5.2	6.0
179	67½	Braithwaite	147	..	6.1	4.2	4.1
114	44½	Brammer H.	112	..	6.4	5.7	10.4
53	38	Bremner	50	..	5.8	11.6	10.1
206	90	Brent Chem Int	200	+1	3.7	1.8	16.5
39	25	Brent Walker	36	+1	1.7n	4.7	16.4
35	22	Brickhouse Dud	34	..	3.3	9.8	6.7
172	105	Bridon	113	+3	9.6	8.5	6.1
41½	27½	Bright J. Grp	39½	..	3.7	9.3	7.1
43	29	Brit Car Auctn	42¾	+1½	3.0	7.1	10.4
17	11	Brit Enkalon	13	..	..	..	..
246	137	Brit Home Strs	227	+7	8.9	3.9	19.1
28	20	Brit Leyland	22	..	..	..	1.7
120½	80	Brit Northrop	104	..	..	..	3.7
47	31	Brit Printing	44	..	4.8	11.0	7.1
90	50	Brit Stm Spec	88	..	7.2	8.2	10.2
485	278	Brit Sugar	465	+20	29.2n	6.3	8.2
70¼	30½	Brit Syphon Ind	60	..	4.6	7.6	8.2
57½	28½	Brit Tar Prod	53½	+1	2.1	3.9	9.2
90	44	Brit Vita	80	..	3.1	3.8	8.8
27½	13½	Britains	26	..	2.1	8.2	21.1
61	44	Brockhouse Ltd	58	..	5.5	9.5	4.7
86	41	Brocks Grp	74	+3	3.1	6.9	13.1
715	410	Broken Hill	420	-25	19.3	4.6	42.0
40	30	Bronx Eng	38	..	2.4	6.3	8.9
71	33	Brook St Bur	69	..	6.4	9.2	17.9
56	38	Brooke Bond	48½	..	4.2	8.6	4.0
16	11	Brooke Tool	17	..	..	..	10.2
118	49	Brotherhood P.	101	+3	8.8b	8.7	3.6
95	74	Brown & Tawse	82	..	6.6	8.1	8.3
55	19	BBK	51	..	2.7	5.2	13.1
21	12	Brown Bros Cp	20½	+¾	1.6	7.9	11.8
261	98	Brown J.	232	+2	12.1	5.2	5.6
124	85	Bruntons	108	..	10.8	9.8	7.6
38	17	Bryant Hldgs	38	+2	3.4	9.0	8.0
132	66	Bullough Ltd	120	..	8.6	7.2	5.4
48	28	Bulmer & Lumb	41	..	4.8	11.6	5.1
120	87	Bunzl Pulp	98	..	7.4	7.5	3.9
64	38	Burco Dean	59	..	5.6	9.5	5.5
38	22	Burgess Prod	36	..	3.5	9.8	5.6
184	64	Burnett H'shire	160	..	4.1	2.6	7.6
184	63	Do A NV	159	..	4.1	2.6	7.6
39	16	Burns And'sn	38	..	2.2	5.8	5.5
17¼	9	Burrell & Co	14½	..	1.4	9.7	7.5
180	130	Burt Boulton	175	..	15.4	8.8	5.8
126	51	Burton Grp	133	..	2.2	1.8	..
115	39	Do A	113	..	2.3	2.0	..
76	43	Bury & Masco	72	..	6.4	8.9	10.6
69	30	Butterfld-Harvy	64	..	3.2	5.0	11.1

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33	13¾	CH Industrials	32	+½	2.1	6.7	5.5
59½	35½	Cadbury Sch	56½	..	4.1	7.3	11.1
102	70	Caffyns	101	..	8.7	8.6	8.2
85	45	C'bread Robey	52	..	2.3	4.4	14.5
131	90	Campari	131	+3	2.8	2.1	6.8
117	64	Do B	117	+1	..	..	..
82	45½	Camrex Hldgs	70	..	6.0	8.6	5.3
59	36	Canning W.	56	+2	5.3	9.2	9.6
136	87	Cape Ind	113	+2	11.5	10.2	3.8
92	37	Caplan Profile	62	..	6.6	10.6	8.3
90	53½	Capper Neill	68½	..	3.2	4.7	8.0
92	33	Caravans Int	92	+5	7.0	7.6	3.2
66	36	Carclo Eng	64	..	4.5	7.1	5.9
51	32	Carless Capel	39	-1	1.3	3.4	10.0
168	50	Carlton Ind	168	..	8.3	4.9	7.8
76	49	Carpets Int	53	+2	6.1	11.4	5.8
91	33	Carr J. (Don)	90	..	2.8	3.1	7.0
40	22½	Carr'ton Viy	38½	+½	3.0	7.8	10.5
100	63¾	Carroll P. J.	94	+6	9.2	9.8	7.8
45	28	Casket S Hldgs	40	..	3.0	7.4	4.8
18	7	Causton Sir J.	15	..	..	..	4.5
165	88	Cawoods	138	+2	5.3	3.9	10.1
36½	12	Celestion	36½	+1	0.9	2.5	10.4
121	54½	Cement Rdstone	121	+1	6.9	5.7	15.2
54	25	Cen & Sheer	46	..	3.4	7.3	8.2
67	42	Central Man	67	+4	4.0	6.0	3.5
229	103	Centreway Ltd	229	..	16.5	7.2	6.5
42	34	Ch'mbn & Hill	34	..	3.9	11.3	2.6
58½	27½	Chamberl'n Grp	56	..	4.2	7.5	7.9
33	8½	Change Wares	20½	+1	..	..	..
21	17	Do Cnv Cum	20½	+½	2.4	11.8	..
129	61	Chloride Grp	108	-1	7.3	6.7	8.9
78	57	Christies Int	77	+2	4.5	5.8	8.1
138	93	Chubb & Sons	131	+2	5.5	4.2	9.7
196	57	Church & Co	196	+1	4.7	2.4	9.6
77	45	Coalite & Chem	76	-1	4.3	5.6	6.3
79	50	Coates Bros	73	..	3.3	4.5	7.3
77	45	Do A	72	..	3.2	4.4	8.3
83	57	Coats Patons	72	+½	4.7	6.5	5.4
123	45	Cole R. H.	123	+6	3.3	4.3	9.2
62	33	Collett D'son	57	..	4.7	8.2	6.2
186	99	Collins W.	149	-1	7.0	4.7	7.2
186	80	Do A	149	-1	7.0	4.7	7.2
97	14	Comben Grp	37	+2	2.4b	6.6	9.1
101	80	Comb Eng Strs	92	..	4.6	5.0	10.0
162	45	Comet Radiov'n	162	+4	5.3	3.3	9.8
114	64	CompAir	93½	-½	5.5	5.9	7.6
30	20	Compton Webb	27	+1	2.6	9.5	4.5
38	16	Cook W.	25	..	2.4	9.4	5.5
65	37	Cope Allman	56	-½	4.8	8.5	5.7
37	9	Copson F.	17	..	1.1	6.6	5.6
39½	16½	Corah	35½	+½	1.7n	4.8	7.7
144	54¼	Coral Leisure	142	-2	9.1	6.4	12.8
83	34	Cosalt	73	+1	4.7	6.4	6.5
332	134	Costain R.	272	+4	15.2b	5.6	9.5
32	8	Countryside	32	+1	0.3	0.8	91.4
107	73	Courts (Furn)	101	..	4.9	4.8	6.9
107	73	Do A NV	101	..	4.9	4.8	6.9
135	90	Courtaulds	115	..	10.7	9.3	5.7
68	30	Courtney Pope	68	..	3.3	4.8	8.7
73	30¼	C'wan de Groot	78	+3	3.5	4.5	4.4
42	23	Cowie T.	41½	+½	2.4	5.9	8.5
100	24	Crane Fruehauf	99	..	3.8n	3.7	10.7
44	15	Crellon Hldgs	28	..	..e	..	..
74	28	Crest Nicholson	74	+1	4.6	6.2	14.9
72	44	Croda Int	60	+½	3.2	5.4	9.2
43	25	Cronite Grp	39	..	3.7	9.5	19.5
38	23	Cropper J.	37	..	1.3	3.4	..
139	94	Crosby Hse	135	..	14.2	10.5	..
29	15	Crossland R.	26	-1	1.9	7.5	8.3
78	45	Crossley Bldg	70	-2	6.3	8.9	11.2
88	48	Crouch D.	88	..	5.5	6.3	11.6
73	35	Crouch Grp	71	+1	4.1	5.8	12.5
53	32¾	Crown House	50½	+½	4.7	9.4	9.9
48	28	Crowther J.	36	-1	0.9	2.5	..
147	96	Cum'ns En Cv	£98	+2	375	3.8	..
150	83½	Dale Electric	150	..	4.1	2.8	15.0
17	8	Dartmouth Inv	17	+½	1.2	7.2	10.6
129	70¼	Davies & New	112	+4	11.1	9.9	6.4
298	150	Davy Int	282	+7	15.2	8.0	8.4
86	48	Dawson J.	86	..	8.1	9.4	11.2
520	350	De Beers Ind	410	..	44.6	10.9	8.2
28	21	Deanson Hldgs	25	..	3.2	12.7	7.6
118	64½	Debenhams	105	+3	8.0	7.6	7.2
638	256¼	De La Rue	550	+4	30.0	5.5	8.2
580	233	Decca	505	..	16.1	3.2	14.5
555	223	Do A	495	..	16.1	3.3	14.3
81	49	Delta Metal	68½	-1½	6.6	9.9	9.4
100	66	Denbyware	83	+1	8.3	10.0	..
178	82	De Vere Hotels	170	..	6.7	3.9	31.7
165	67	Dew G.	165	..	7.7	4.7	8.9
62	27	Dewhirst I. J.	56	..	2.6	4.6	10.0
143	89	DRG	124	..	9.9n	7.9	9.0
175	57	Diploma Inv	163	+6	5.5	3.5	9.0
60	28	Dixon D	57	+1	3.8	6.6	25.3
178	63	Dixons Photo	173	+1	3.3	1.9	9.5
38	20	Dixor	35	..	0.9	2.6	43.2
78	37	Dobson Park	78	+4	3.2	4.1	5.9
64	41	Dom Hldgs	64	+1	6.6	10.3	11.4
104	43¾	Douglas R. M.	102	..	4.7	4.6	7.1
21	17	Dow'd & Mills	21½	..	1.6	7.6	9.9
250	105	Downing G. H.	218	..	15.7	7.2	4.7
174	93	Dowty Grp	159	+2	6.4	4.0	10.1
24	12½	Drake & Scull	20	+1	..	..	..
50	28	Dreamland Elec	41	-3	3.5	8.6	12.9
18½	9	Dubilier	18	..	1.5	8.3	10.7
47	34	Dufay	45	-1	2.3b	6.0	8.6
123	73¾	Dunlop Hldgs	89	..	8.0	9.0	5.3
14	5	Duple Int	13½	..	0.9	7.2	6.9
87½	57½	Duport	69½	+½	6.4	9.3	4.9
134	41	Durapipe Int	115	+1	5.7	4.9	7.1
49½	25	Dutton For	48	+1½	4.3	8.9	5.2
37	21	Dykes J. Hldgs	29½	..	..e	..	10.4
253	172	E.M.I.	185	+2	14.0	7.6	6.9
155	34	ERF Hldgs	128	+3	5.0	3.9	3.9
47	35	E Lancs Paper	44	..	4.8	10.9	..
76	46	E Mid A Press	76	+1	5.5	7.2	5.7
90	22	Eastern Prod	82	-1	6.6	8.0	6.4
105	56	Eastwood J. B.	105	..	6.0	5.8	2.9
154	109	Edbro	126	-2	8.9	7.1	5.2
42	19	Elecu Hldgs	42	+1	2.6	6.3	11.5
48	32	Elec & Ind Secs	39	..	4.1	10.4	7.2
360	89	Electrocomps	347	+2	7.5	2.1	16.0
21	15	Electronic Mach	21	..	..	..	..
120	48	Electr'nic Rent	127	+1	7.6	6.5	8.4
119	88½	Elliott B.	101	-1	7.9	7.8	5.0
44	14	Elliott Grp	23	..	..e	..	7.2
92	66	Ellis & Everard	86	+1	7.7	8.9	15.9
19½	14¼	Ellis & Gold	17½	+½	2.7	15.6	8.9
77	37	Elson & Robbins	74	..	4.7	6.4	5.8
202	82½	Empire Stores	185	+4	7.3	4.0	16.1
14¼	4¼	Energy Serv	13	..	0.3b	2.3	16.5
36	23	England J. E.	36	..	2.0	5.5	3.1
20½	3½	English & O'seas	20½	+½	0.5	2.6	19.2
108	50	English Card Cl	84	..	4.2	5.0	4.6
109	69¾	Eng China Clay	83	+4	5.4	6.5	9.7
74	51	Erith & Co	68	..	7.4	10.9	7.0
220	130	Esperanza	163	-1	7.7	4.7	6.0
78	42	Eucalyptus Pulp	63	..	7.6b	11.2	2.2
109	54	Euro Ferries	109	+1½	4.3	3.9	8.7
107	52	Eva Industries	107	+10	7.3	6.8	7.6
211	121	Ever Ready	173	..	6.1	3.5	8.9
95	42	Evode Hldgs	86	-3	3.2	3.7	10.1
36	14½	Ewer G.	26	+½	2.0n	7.8	10.0
17	7½	Excalibur	17	..	0.7	4.3	6.7
105	65	Exch Telegraph	85	..	7.7n	9.1	8.2
77¼	57	Expand Metal	61½	..	5.6	9.1	6.5

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
115	62	FMC	74	..	3.9	5.2	3.7
19	7	FPA Cons	18	+1	1.7	9.4	8.0
62	26¼	Fairbairn L'son	57	..	3.5	6.2	8.8
78	37¼	Fairclough Cons	65	..	3.6	5.5	8.5
102	29	Fairview Est	102	+2	8.6	8.4	6.2
240	81	Farnell Elect	220	..	9.9	4.5	11.0
80	44	Fed Chem Hldgs	71	+1	5.3	7.4	7.7
40	18	Fed Lnd & Build	40	+2	3.1	7.8	11.7
36	23	Feedex Ltd	31	..	2.0	6.4	7.9
142	111	Fenner J. H.	130	+2	10.2	7.8	8.9
106	45	Ferguson Ind	98	..	9.1	9.3	10.3
58	29½	Fine Art Dev	47	..	2.8	5.9	11.2
319	150	Finlay J.	310	..	9.9	3.2	5.7
30	8	Finlay Pack	20	..	0.9	4.3	7.5
85	34	Firth G.M.	37	+1	..e	..	10.5
400	283	Fisons	380	..	18.5	4.9	11.1
73	45	Fitch Lovell	65	..	5.6	8.5	8.2
82	43¾	Fluidrive Eng	79	..	5.0	6.3	8.9
68	20	Fodens	58	+1	3.8	6.6	3.8
143	80	Fogarty E.	143	..	4.8	3.4	7.4
25¾	15½	Folkes Hefo NV	21	..	2.1	10.0	4.9
33	20	Ford M.	33	+1	3.7	11.1	13.8
259	145	Ford Mtr BDR	145	-10	9.3	6.4	15.3
136	49¾	Formminster	136	+4	6.0	4.3	6.0
535	410	Fortnum & Mason	535	..	31.5	5.9	9.8
212	136	Foseco Min	150	..	6.5	4.3	8.9
83	39	Foster Bros	83	+2	4.3	5.2	10.7
33	18	Foster J.	33	..	2.5	8.9	9.9
94	69	Fothergill & H	83	..	9.4	11.3	9.4
48	28	Francis G. R.	45	..	5.4	11.9	8.3
70	28	Francis Ind	63	..	5.1	8.1	5.2
318	127	Freemans Ldn	290	..	8.5	2.9	13.6
66	40	French T.	63	..	3.9	6.1	4.0
35½	14	French Kier	34½	..	2.3b	6.6	14.1
95	83	Friedland Doggt	88	..	4.4	4.9	7.1
81	48	GEI Int	81	..	5.9	7.2	6.5
68	32½	Galliford Brindley	63	..	4.6	7.3	6.8
104	67	Garnar Scotblair	104	..	6.8	6.6	4.9
282	163	GEC	275	+2	8.8	3.1	11.3
104½	96½	Do F Rate	£101	..	869	..	..
27	13¾	Gen Eng (Rad)	19	+½	1.5	8.1	5.1
330	195	Gen Mtr BDR	195	-20	11.0g	5.6	6.7
190	124	Gestetner 'A'	187	-1	5.7	3.6	7.3
66	32¼	Gibbons Dudley	65	+1	3.5	5.4	3.1
99	35	Gieves Grp	95	..	6.8	7.1	9.1
240	161¼	Gill & Duffus	229	+2	13.2	5.8	7.7
58	23	Giltspur Ltd	56½	+1½	4.1	7.2	5.8
70	36	Glass & Metal	66	..	4.2	6.4	7.1
23	13	Glass Glover	22	..	1.7	7.9	8.8
667	400	Glaxo Hldgs	693	..	15.5	2.6	11.9
54	19	Gleeson M. J.	47	..	2.6	5.9	7.2
57	34	Gleeson & W.J.	50	..	5.5	11.0	5.4
120	76	Glynwed	98½	-½	11.4b	11.6	8.3
70	39	Goldbg & Sons	62	-1	5.7	9.2	12.4
87	41	Gomme Hldgs	85	-2	4.6	5.4	11.2
95	60	Gordon & Gotch	85	..	4.1	4.8	9.2
33	11	Gordon L. Grp	21	..	..	..	..
61	47	Grampian Hldgs	52	+1	6.0	11.5	7.5
97	42½	Granada 'A'	98	+1	3.0	3.0	10.7
106	63½	Grand Met Ltd	106½	+3½	6.5	6.1	12.1
348	183	Gt Univ Stores	316	+2	11.8	3.7	14.6
346	175	Do A	312	+2	11.8	3.8	14.5
41½	17¼	Greenfield Mill	39	..	2.7	6.9	11.4
93	65	Greens Econ	82	+3	6.4	7.8	6.4
55	28	Gripperrods	40	..	3.6	8.9	4.5
368	280	GKN	268	..	23.6	8.8	7.5
109	71	Haden Carrier	91	+2	12.0	13.2	6.7
95	55	Haggas J.	92	+6	1.0	1.1	7.1
98	62½	Hall Eng	88	+1	6.4	7.3	5.9
207	99½	Hall M.	198	+4	10.0n	5.1	7.9
54	14	Halma Ltd	53	..	2.1	4.0	8.7
96	68	Hanimex Corp	86	+1	4.1	4.8	4.8
161	100	Hanson Trust	151	..	9.5	6.3	7.4
51	28	Hardy Furn	35	-1	0.3	0.9	..
43	23	Do A	34	-1	0.3	0.9	..
59	38	Hargreaves Grp	58	..	4.6	7.9	9.5
53	34½	Harris Sheldon	49	..	4.3	8.7	8.3
95	45	Harrison T.C.	95	+3	5.8	6.1	9.0
436	276¼	Harrison Cros	350	..	18.1	5.2	8.5
88	41	Harwells Grp	84	..	6.7	7.9	7.2
214	113	Hawker Sidd	194	+2	5.9	3.0	7.7
71	43	Hawkins & T'son	69	+1	6.1	8.8	4.4
78	24	Hawthorn L.	73	..	..	..	..
189	57	Hays Wharf	163	+6	7.5	4.6	16.0
34	12¼	Headlam Sims	34	+1	1.9	5.6	7.0
18½	9½	Helene of Ldn	18½	..	0.9	5.1	8.2
29	20	Helical Bar	29	..	3.1	10.6	17.3
84	39	Hend'son Kent	83	+1	3.4	4.0	4.9
144	79	Henly's	113	-6	9.3n	8.2	6.0
100	39½	Hepworth Cer.	87	+½	5.0	5.7	10.1
64	29¼	Hepworth J.	64	..	3.5	5.4	10.3
17½	6½	Herman Smith	9	..	0.4	4.2	37.5
143	76	Hestair	115	-3	9.1	7.9	4.1
60	27¼	Hewden-Stuart	52	..	1.9	3.7	8.7
22	11	Hewitt J.	21	..	1.4	6.8	4.1
85	63	Hickson P'cost	85	+2	9.8	11.6	9.8
610	295	Hickson Welch	560	..	14.8	2.6	9.5
97	36	Higgs & Hill	90	..	5.0	5.6	4.6
44	24½	Hill & Smith	36	..	3.1	8.5	4.7
150	76	Hill C. Bristol	95	+5	9.9	10.4	..
300	71	Hillards	250	-5	6.8	2.7	7.2
92	69	Hoffmung S.	70	+1	6.4	9.2	5.1
60	35	Hollas Grp	60	..	6.4	10.6	5.8
74	34	Hollis Bros	69	+1	6.2	9.0	6.3
148	70	Holt Lloyd	133	+1	8.5	6.4	13.2
121	60	Home Charm	121	+1	5.2	4.3	12.6
410	195	Hoover	387	+3	20.5	5.3	8.4
412	195	Do A	387	+3	20.5	5.3	8.4
105	55	Hopkinsons	82	..	7.1	8.7	4.4
79	36	Horizon Mid	79	+7	4.5	5.6	5.4
157	71	Hse of Fraser	135	..	6.7	5.0	13.5
68	39	Hoveringham	68	+3	2.9	4.3	13.7
61	21½	Do RV	61	+3	2.9	4.8	12.3
30	11¼	Howard & Wynd	18½	..	..	..	10.5
18½	10½	Do A	17½	..	..	..	9.9
52	30	Howard Mach	30	..	3.4	11.5	6.0
31	17	Howard Tenens	27½	..	2.6	9.3	..
71	39	Howden Grp	69	..	5.6	8.2	19.1
13⅞	9¾	Hudsons Bay	£10¾	-¾	34.7	3.2	11.1
29	16	Hunt Moscrop	29	+2	1.1	3.7	8.5
220	78	Hunting Assoc	213	+3	4.5	2.1	9.6
132	62	Huntleigh Grp	112	..	3.4	3.0	9.0
65	47	Hutchison Int	49½	..	..	..	..

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
232	150	ICL	226	+2	11.3	5.0	4.3
117	75	IDC Grp	107	+3	12.7	11.5	9.0
163	74	Ibstock Johns'n	146	..	8.8	6.0	7.8
445	325½	Imp Chem Ind	349	-2	23.9	6.9	6.4
120	73	Imp Cold Store	95	..	7.8	8.2	3.7
85½	63	Imperial Grp	75	-½	7.8	10.4	8.2
69	46	Imp Metal Ind	55	-1	5.0	9.1	6.5
22	17	Ingall Ind	22	..	2.6	11.7	8.1
39	27	Ingram H.	32	..	4.3	13.3	7.6
74½	46	Initial Services	73	..	6.6	9.0	12.3
100	37½	Int Combustion	100	+1	12.1	12.1	7.8
70	41½	Int Paint	62	..	3.6	5.8	5.5
131	70	Int Timber	121	+2	9.9	8.2	5.8
82	47	Inveresk Grp	80½	..	7.4	9.2	13.6
9¼	6½	Itoh BDR	£6¾	-½	8.6	1.4	..
69	27	JB Hldgs	66	..	1.6	2.5	5.8
24	12	Jacks W.	22½	..	1.0	4.4	..
56	37	Jacksons B'End	56	..	..e	..	..
10½	5½	James M. Ind	10	+¼	0.8	7.6	..
306	153	Jardine M'son	152	-10	6.5	4.3	..
189	96	Jarvis J.	188	+3	13.1	7.0	6.1
32	16	Jessups Hldgs	32	+2	2.4	7.3	4.7
66	43¾	Johnson & F B	62	..	7.1	11.5	4.6
78	27	Johnson Grp	78	..	5.9	7.6	8.2
492	307	Johnson Matt	463	+8	20.2	4.4	7.5
358	144	Johnson-Richd	344	+8	10.8	3.1	10.1
87	42½	Jones Stroud	86	..	5.6	6.5	7.5
44	21	Jourdan T.	40	..	4.0	9.9	6.2
54	27	K Shoes	52	..	3.4	6.6	4.6
135	36	Kelsey Ind	119	..	4.9	4.1	4.9
84	49½	Kenning Mtr	79	..	6.2n	8.2	5.6
44	21	Kent M. P.	44	+1	3.1	7.1	12.9
48	13	Kitchen Taylor	46	..	..	..	..
105	52½	Kode Int	94	-1	7.2	7.7	9.2
50½	16	Kwik-Fit Hldgs	49½	+1½	1.2	2.5	20.3
274½	131¼	Kwik Save Disc	235	-3	7.3	3.4	17.9
94	62	LCP Hldgs	94	+5	7.3	7.7	5.1
82	49½	LRC Int	73	..	4.4	6.2	7.2
110	80	LWT Hldgs 'A'	106	+2	9.4	8.7	6.5
216	98	Ladbroke	216	+4	10.8	5.0	14.6
44	30½	Ladies Pride	44	..	3.3	7.5	5.5
105	27	Lafarge	92	..	3.0	3.3	10.2
171	70	Laing J.	150	..	5.0	3.4	12.2
170	69	Do A	150	..	5.0	3.4	12.2
87	44	Laird Grp Ltd	79½	+3	4.5	5.7	5.3
65	43	Lake & Elliot	51	+1	5.3	10.4	12.5
38	31	Lambert H'wth	35	..	4.4	12.4	5.3
78	29	Lane P. Grp	59	-1	4.5	8.1	5.7
32½	21½	Lankro	32½	..	2.0	3.9	18.5
131	83¼	Laporte Ind	203	..	10.3	10.0	5.7
135	84	Latham J.	123	..	10.5	8.5	5.6
138	45	Laurence Scott	117	+1	7.6	6.5	6.5
106	53	Lawrence W.	102	..	9.9	9.7	7.6
64	24	Lawtex	64	+2	4.4	6.8	4.2
177	128	Lead Industries	153	..	11.2	7.3	6.0
62	38	Le-Bas E.	41	+2	2.5	6.1	..
25	15¼	Lee A.	24	..	2.2	9.2	9.4
138	29¼	Lee Cooper	117	..	2.5	2.1	5.9
189	32½	Leigh Int	170	-12	5.5	3.2	24.1
65	16¼	Leisure & Gen	60	-1	2.0	3.2	14.1
110	60¼	Leisure C'van	110	+2	6.7	6.1	12.6
45	29	Lennons Grp	36	..	2.2	6.5	11.7
293	113	Lep Grp	245	..	5.2	2.1	7.3
92	57	Lesney Ord	63	-2	4.1	6.5	4.9
60	40	Do RV	52	..	4.1	7.9	3.8
120	70	Letraset	105	-2	4.3	4.0	7.5
93	36½	Lex Services	79½	+1	5.3	6.7	10.5
19	5¼	Liberty Ord	£19	..	45.5	2.6	5.7
88	33	Lilley F. J. C.	75	+1	3.3	5.1	7.5
60	30	Lincroft Kilg	57	+1	5.3	9.3	5.9
151	58	Lindustries	149½	+3½	13.6	9.2	8.5
197½	100	Linfood Hldgs	175	+2	13.6	7.8	7.3
39	19	Linread	37	..	3.0	8.2	..
41	22	Lister & Co	40	..	0.2	0.4	..
79	64	Lloyd F. H.	69	..	7.5	11.1	6.0
16½	9	Locker T.	15	..	1.3	8.3	6.7
14½	8	Do A	14	..	1.3	8.9	6.3
116	58	Lockwoods Fds	116	+1	5.6	4.8	5.7
76	44	Ldn & M'land	75	..	7.2b	9.6	6.6
43½	24	Ldn & N'thern	39	+½	3.0b	10.4	5.4
85	39	Ldn Brick Co	76	+3½	4.5	6.1	5.5
167	94	Ldn Prov Post	167	..	13.6	5.2	7.7
73	51	Longton Trans	60	..	5.2	8.7	2.5
87	60	Lonrho	76	+2	9.5b	12.9	2.9
79	39	Lonsdale Univ	77	+2	6.6	8.5	9.7
81	26	Lookers	49	+3½	3.5	7.7	4.2
86	44	Lovell Hldgs	79	..	5.4	6.9	8.3
175	120	Low & Bonar	170	+2	16.5b	9.7	6.0
337	204	Lucas Ind	273	-2	12.5	4.6	6.5
20	15	Lyndale Eng	20	..	2.0	10.0	9.4
84	25	Lyon & Lyon	84	+2	8.1	10.8	3.2
125	47	Lyons J. Ord	106	+2	11.5	10.9	8.3

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
124	33	MFI W'house	124	+3	6.0	4.8	15.7
214	87	MK Electric	190	..	5.5	4.9	7.6
94	49	ML Hldgs	90	..	5.8	6.5	7.7
57	37	MY Dart	57	+1	3.3	5.5	4.4
222	138	McCorquodale	222	..	20.4	9.2	64.5
44	15	McInerney Prop	44	+2	..	..	19.4
19	11	McCleery L'Amie	13½	+½	..	..	..
44	25	Mackay H.	44	..	4.9	11.2	24.2
94	60¼	McKechnie Bros	94	..	7.5	5.9	4.7
46	31	McNeill Grp	42	+2	..	..	..
63½	37	Macpherson D.	53½	..	3.5	6.8	5.6
69	17	Madame Tussds	59	+½	3.7n	6.3	15.5
59½	29	Mallinson Denny	47½	+2	4.2	8.8	5.7
77	50	Man Agcy Music	74	..	8.5	11.5	5.0
31½	11	Manch Garages	31½	+3	1.5	4.5	6.5
247	177	Man Ship Canal	200	+8	21.6	10.8	5.8
90	14	Mang Bronze	85	-5	2.9	3.4	3.7
42	27	Manordale Grp	42	..	6.2	14.8	4.0
15	5½	Maple Hldgs	15	..	..e	..	2.9
293	114	Marchwiel	272	+2	5.2	1.9	6.2
170	95	Marks & Spencer	159	+1	6.4	4.0	15.0
89	48	Marley Ltd	89	+2	3.8	4.2	7.4
24	9¼	Marling Ind	19½	..	1.5	7.5	8.7
57	31	Marshall Cav	57	+3	6.0	10.5	10.0
46	27	Marshall T Lox	41	..	3.5	8.6	5.3
45	24	Do A	34	+1	3.5	10.4	4.4
155¼	95	Marshalls Univ	136	..	9.5	7.0	4.6
97	55	Martin-Black	57	-1	6.7	11.5	5.7
238	99½	Martin-News	234	..	10.2	4.3	5.5
160	91	Martonair	158	..	8.1	5.1	9.5
85	48	May & Hassell	79	..	4.4	5.5	5.5
122	60	Maynards	122	..	7.3	6.0	7.6
21	20	Mears Bros	20	+1	2.9	8.5	5.6
21	10½	Medminster	21	..	2.7	13.0	12.0
78	50	Melody Mills	79	..	4.4	6.3	4.9
54	30½	Melville D & W	46	+1	3.7	8.1	4.7
13	9	Mentmore Mfg	12½	..	1.3	10.2	18.9
302	102	Menzies J.	302	..	7.1	2.4	16.3
382	246	Metal Box	308	+2	21.5	7.0	7.0
95	65	Metal Closures	84	..	6.0	7.2	8.1
41	13¾	Metalrax	41	..	1.6	3.9	8.3
65	25	Mettoy	44	..	3.2	7.3	6.3
93	44	Meyer M. L.	84	..	6.9	8.2	3.5
41	19½	Midland Ind	40	..	1.5	3.8	6.9
83	28	Milbury	83	+6	3.9	4.7	7.2
97	50	Mills A. J.	97	..	4.2	4.3	11.1
117	35	Mills & Allen	117	+5	..	..	11.7
168½	96	Mlln Marsters	162	-2	7.8	4.8	6.4
93	23	Mining Supplies	65	-2	1.7	2.5	9.7
49	36½	Mitchell Cotts	41	+½	8.2	12.6	5.5
66	24½	Mitchell Somers	64	..	2.4	3.7	6.5
66	43	Mixconcrete	59	+1	4.5	7.7	8.3
40	22¾	Modern Eng	40	+4	4.0	10.0	8.4
132	97	Molins	112	..	9.9	8.8	..
86	23½	Monk A.	85	..	5.4	6.2	8.9
80½	32	M'santo 5% Ln	£49	..	500	10.2	..
59½	40	Do 6¼ Ln	£57	..	625	11.0	..
220	118	Do 5% Cnv	£124	-2	500	4.0	..
53	35	Montfort Knit	52	..	4.9	9.2	5.6
85	25	More O'Ferrall	79	..	5.2	6.5	21.4
137	86	Morgan Crue	117	-8	7.7	6.6	10.6
46	30	Morgan Edwds	30	..	2.9	9.6	54.5
196	82	Morgan-Grmp	196	..	4.0n	2.0	11.3
52	36	Morris & Blakey	50	..	6.2	12.5	12.0
50	33	Do A	50	..	6.2	12.5	12.0
84	44	Moss Bros	34	..	6.1b	7.2	15.2
66	45	Moss Eng	65	-1	6.3	9.7	6.9
210	101	Mothercare	196	..	4.2	2.1	22.7
12	8	Movitex	12	..	..	..	..
144	48	Mowlem J.	138	+3	9.9	7.1	9.3
213	117	Muirhead	202	+1	7.6	3.8	26.6
72	39	Myson Grp	55	..	..e	..	..
113	48	NSS News	108	..	3.2	3.0	9.8
51	27	Nathan B. & L.	49	..	4.6	9.3	10.6
67	38	Nat Carbon	46	..	..e	..	..
23	12	Needlers	20	..	..e	..	..
45	30½	Neepsend	42	+1	4.5	10.7	17.1
84	37	Negretti & Zam	81	..	5.0	6.2	7.4
95	61	Neill J.	94	+3	7.3	7.7	6.3
180	45	Newarthill	173	+3	6.8	3.9	12.5
72½	33½	Newman Ind	68½	+½	7.6	11.1	3.6
65	33	Newman Tonks	65	..	5.5	8.5	8.3
162	88	Newmark L.	162	..	9.3	5.7	5.8
94	51	Norcros	90	+1	6.2	6.8	7.0
26	11	Norfolk C Grp	26	..	0.3	1.2	54.2
44	28	Normand Elec	44	..	4.3	9.8	14.1
100	54	NEI	87	..	8.5b	9.7	..
125	64	Nthn Foods	125	..	4.7	3.8	10.6
180	44	Norton & Wright	177	..	6.0	3.4	17.1
37	9	Norton W. E.	27	+1	1.0	2.6	7.3
100	52	Norwest Holst	81	+1	6.4	7.9	5.7
108	60	Notts Mfg	107	..	4.5	4.2	10.1
122	45½	Nurdin & Peacock	106	..	2.6	2.5	14.8
26	17½	Nu-Swift Ind	26	..	2.2n	8.5	10.6

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
103	74	Ocean Wilsons	98	+1	5.4	5.5	10.2
99	55	Office & Elect	91	+1	6.2	6.8	6.6
102	60	Ofrex Grp	100	+1	5.0	5.0	11.7
31½	23½	Ogilvy & M	£25¾	-2¼	21.5	0.8	11.1
84	40	Osborn S.	73	+1	5.4	7.5	4.4
84	43	Owen Owen	73	..	4.0	5.5	7.3
81	7	Oxley Printing	47	..	3.8n	8.0	9.4
121	56½	Parker Knoll 'A'	102	-2	4.9	4.8	4.0
108	60	Parker Timber	102	..	8.3	8.1	4.6
36	14	Paterson R.	36	+1	3.5	9.6	10.4
230	126¼	Paterson Zoch	220	-5	10.6	4.8	4.1
225	117½	Do A NV	215	..	10.6	4.9	4.0
113	62½	Pauls & Whites	106	+5	6.5	6.1	7.8
186	103	Pearson Long	179	+1	8.2	4.6	8.3
207	123	Pearson & Son	202	..	9.4	4.6	9.5
37½	24½	Do 4% Ln	£34½	..	400	11.6	..
206	152	Pegler-Hatt	166	..	11.6	7.0	5.5
20	6	Pentland Ind	20	..	1.0	4.8	6.9
78	42	Pentos	78	+3	6.5	8.3	8.1
90	63	Perkin El 4%	£75	..	..	..	..
172	61	Perry H. Mtrs	166	..	7.8	4.7	10.5
87	59	Petrocon Grp	75	-1	6.7	9.0	8.7
64	51	Philips Fin 5¾	£58	..	575	9.9	..
11	7⅛	Philips Lamps	£7⅞	-⅛	37.1	4.8	..
19	7	Phillips Pats	18	+1	..	..	44.2
195	64	Phoenix Timber	153	..	6.5	4.2	2.1
282	130	Photo-Me Int	250	-10	6.0	2.4	7.6
66	67	P'dilly Theatre	73	..	1.6	2.2	39.5
14	11	Pickles W.	12	..	1.0	8.7	8.0
110	54	Pifco Hldgs	110	..	4.1	3.7	8.3
108	52	Do A	108	..	4.1	3.8	8.2
540	273	Pilkington Bros	480	+5	16.9	3.5	7.2
66	44	Pittard Grp	66	..	4.0	6.0	5.7
127	81	Plaxtons	122	+1	10.8	8.8	5.2
72	31	Pleasurama	72	+2	3.1	4.3	7.0
117	63	Plessey	94	..	7.3	7.8	9.5
15¾	7½	Do ADR	£11¼	-¾	..	..	..
78	42	Plysu	77	+1	2.0	2.5	9.9
38	23	Pontins	36	+1	2.6	6.7	13.3
415	126	Pork Farms	415	+8	19.8b	4.8	10.9
256	158	Portals Hldgs	240	+2	11.9	4.9	12.7
127	51	Porter Chad	101	-1	7.5	7.4	5.9
50	32	Portsmth News	48	..	4.3	9.0	6.0
223	119	Powell Duffryn	193	+1	15.2	7.8	9.6
72	50	Pratt F. Eng	62	..	7.0	11.2	7.1
78	25	Preedy A.	78	..	2.2	2.8	9.6
32	12¾	Press W.	29½	+½	1.3	4.5	6.6
185	107	Prestige Grp	161	..	7.7	4.8	11.9
46	27	Prestwich Pkr	34	..	4.6	13.6	9.0
185	135	Pretoria P Cem	175	..	17.6n	10.1	3.5
237	104	Pride & Clarke	237	..	16.9	7.1	20.3
79	45	Priest B.	75	+1	7.7	10.2	6.8
32	18¾	Pritchard Serv	31½	..	2.3	7.1	8.8
113	37	Pye Hldgs	107	..	4.4n	4.1	8.0
36	23	Pyke W. J.	31	+2	..	..	..
42	23	Pyramid Grp	39	..	3.3	8.5	7.9
23½	14¾	Quaker Oats	£15	-½	59.7	4.0	9.0
30	6½	Queens Moat	30	+2	..	..	50.8
37	21	Quick H. J.	35	+½	2.6	7.1	6.1
77	31	R.F.D.Group	70½	-½	2.2	3.1	6.5
62	27	RKT Textiles	62	+3	6.6	10.6	7.3
268	117	Racal Elect	200	-2	5.9	2.9	10.5
18	12	Raine Eng	16	..	1.3	8.3	7.0
20	9	Rakusen Grp	19	..	..	..	..
275	140	Rank Org Ord	254	+8	10.8	4.3	16.7
53½	39½	RHM	48	-½	3.0	10.4	8.1
66	50	RHP	65	+½	5.8	9.0	8.5
152	96	Ransomes Sims	125	..	12.0	9.6	7.1
58	30½	Ratcliffe F. S.	56	..	7.1	12.3	5.7
93	19¾	Ratners	92	+2	0.9	0.9	9.5
70	35	Raybeck Ltd	70	+3	4.6	6.5	12.3
36½	22½	Readicut Int	35	+½	2.2	6.4	7.3
143	72	RMC	138	+3	8.8	6.3	9.6
510	339	Reckitt & Colmn	433	-4	15.3	3.5	9.3
99	59	Record Ridgway	98	..	6.8n	7.9	7.2
322	76	Redfearn Nat	318	..	24.0	7.5	4.3
93	64	Rediffusion	92	..	6.5	7.1	11.7
161	86	Redland	144	..	6.3	4.4	10.0
62	16	Redman Heenan	54½	+2½	2.8	5.0	3.4
63	22	Reed & Smith	61	..	3.2	5.2	..
100	59	Reed A.	90	..	4.2	4.6	13.4
97	32	Do A NV	88	..	4.0	4.5	13.4
236	119	Reed Int	152	+2	13.7	13.2	3.2
67	47	Spirax-Sarco	262	..	23.5	5.1	10.2
59	27	Spooner Ind	50	+2	4.0	7.7	5.5
154	66	Staffs Potts	132	+2	5.4	3.5	7.4
48	15	Stalex Int	20	..	..e	..	2.8
37	40½	Stag Furniture	76	-1	7.3	7.8	5.8
142	64	Stanley A. G.	138	..	2.0	1.5	17.5
260	163	Staveley Ind	231	..	13.2	5.7	7.8
360	204½	Steel Bros	340	..	17.8b	5.0	10.3
254	128	Steetley Co	192	..	9.3	4.8	8.6
15	9	Steinberg	13	..	1.3	10.2	14.9
53	35	Stewt & Ll 6%	42	..	..	..	..
79	23	Stocklake Hldgs	75	..	3.9	5.0	4.2
170	83	Stocks J. & Sn	170	+10	3.9	2.4	6.3
94	60¼	Stonehill	95	..	3.2b	10.6	8.1
146	93	Stone Platt	129	..	5.5	5.1	..
174	93	Stothert & Pitt	150	+2	14.5	9.6	6.8
43½	23	Streeters	34	..	2.6	7.6	6.2
97	56	Strong & Fisher	79	+4	6.4	8.1	4.1
23	11	Sumbeam W'sey	23	..	2.6	11.3	5.5
47	25	Sutcliffe S'man	35	+1	3.6	10.0	5.7
161	40	Swan Hunter	154	..	10.3	6.7	12.7
150	71	Swire Pacific 'A'	71	-2	..	..	..
29	8	Symonds Eng	17	..	1.9	10.9	10.2

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26	9	Tace	23	..	0.8n	3.3	6.8
572	627	Takeda Bdr	680	-30	19.8	2.8	21.7
220	126	Tarmac Ltd	142	+2	12.4	9.4	6.0
280	185	Tate & Lyle	212	+2	19.5	9.2	4.1
139	93	Tavener R'tige	121	..	8.8	7.3	7.7
79	43	Taylor Pallis	73	..	6.5	8.6	7.7
504	244	Taylor Woodrow	412	+6	10.7	2.6	9.9
120	45	Tecalemit	124	+2	5.5	4.5	8.0
42	15	Telefusion	35	..	1.6	4.9	6.0
41	17	Do A	33	..	1.9	5.1	5.5
142	84	Telephone Rent	125	+4	5.3	6.5	11.0
52½	33	Tesco	46	+1½	2.3	5.0	10.3
27	11	Textured Jersey	27	+4	..	..	54.0
139	91	Thermal Synd	135	-1	10.3	7.6	10.3
763	365	Thomson Org	715	+55	9.0	1.3	76.3
450	196¼	Thorn Electric	394	+4	10.1	2.6	10.5
12½	6	Thurgar Bardex	12	..	0.9	7.8	16.0
550	405	Tiger Oats	470	..	31.7	6.7	4.2
254	134	Tilbury Cont	254	..	27.2	10.7	8.5
122	64½	Tilling T.	120	..	6.5	5.9	9.6
129	42	Time Products	118	-1	2.4	2.0	10.1
20	8	Titaghur Jute	12	..	..	..	..
19½	10	Tomkins F. H.	17	..	1.3	7.5	8.2
51½	31	Tootal	47½	+½	3.8	7.9	10.7
36	16	Toye	36	..	1.3	3.5	21.4
50	32½	Tozer Kemsley	47	+1	4.6	9.8	5.7
166	95	Trafalgar H Ltd	166	+4	7.8	4.7	10.3
82	48	Trans Paper	72	+1	6.7	9.3	5.7
73	48	Transport Dev	70	..	4.5	6.4	12.6
5	2	Tranwood Grp	4½	+½	2.5	55.6	1.1
148	77	Travis & Arnold	140	+2	5.3	3.8	5.8
50	25	Tricoville	50	..	2.8	5.5	4.6
59	31½	Trident TV 'A'	54	..	4.3	7.9	6.9
89	50	Triplex Found	79	..	6.6	8.4	6.2
201	114	Trust Hse Forte	198	..	12.1	6.1	17.0
431	311½	Tube Invest	386	+4	31.8	8.2	8.2
287	137	Tunnel Hldgs 'B'	269	+2	15.5	5.8	10.1
11¼	7	Turner Curzon	10½	+½	2.1	10.3	6.3
253	130	Turner Newall	215	+3	14.4	6.7	10.5
128	53	Turner Mfg	106	..	6.1	5.8	10.2
72	27	Turriff	64	..	3.2	5.0	7.4
79	34	UBM Grp	72	+1	6.4	8.9	19.3
99	84	UDS Grp	97	+1	7.3	7.5	15.9
192	143	UKO Int	167	..	12.5	7.5	9.1
103	65	Unicorn Ind	97	..	8.2	8.5	8.8
57½	42	Unigate	55	..	4.8	8.8	7.8
596	412	Unilever	542	-2	18.9	3.5	8.7
28⅞	20⅝	Do NV	£23	-⅜	118	5.1	9.0
102	55	Unitech	90	..	5.6	6.2	12.3
177	130½	Utd Biscuit	167	-2	8.2	4.9	9.4
53¾	21¾	Utd City Merc	53	+1	1.1	2.1	6.5
32	20	Utd Eng	31	-1	3.4	10.8	8.5
63	31¼	Utd Gas Ind	53	+1	5.5	10.4	8.6
330	198	Utd News	328	+2	19.7	6.0	10.4
292	97¼	Utd Scientific	289	..	9.1	3.1	12.1
42	19	Valor	40	..	3.0	7.4	7.0
116	78	Vantona	114	..	7.5	6.5	8.9
155	100	Vereeniging Ref	100	..	17.8	17.8	2.2
19¾	9¼	Vetco	£17¾	..	11.6	0.7	..
165	84	Vibroplant	156	+3	14.6	9.3	11.5
242	144	Vickers	176	..	13.8	7.9	4.4
48½	36	Vita-Tex	48	+½	4.9	10.3	7.0
146	71	Vosper	140	+4	6.9b	4.9	3.3
73	37	W Ribbons	72	..	5.0	6.9	6.8
92	70	WGI	86	..	8.8	10.2	18.4
242	111	Waddington J.	225	..	17.0	7.6	8.0
29	18	Wade Potteries	26	..	2.0	7.0	5.9
117	70	Wadkin	110	..	8.0	7.3	6.2
125	83	Wagon Ind	118	..	11.2b	9.5	8.7
17½	10	Walker & Homer	13	..	1.4	10.5	3.8
130	76½	Walker C & W	120	..	9.1	7.6	6.5
102	32	Walker J. Gold	99	..	3.2	3.3	7.6
102	32	Do NV	96	-4	3.2	3.4	7.6
117	55½	Ward & Gold	105	..	6.2	5.9	7.5
60½	39½	Ward T. W.	59	+4	5.6	9.5	7.1
20½	13	Wardle B.	19½	+½	1.9	10.0	9.8
80¼	44½	Waring & Gillow	88	+1	4.9	5.5	9.1
46	29¼	Warne Wright	41	-1	4.0	9.8	5.2
80	44	Warren J.	65	..	..e	..	..
36	18½	Warrington T.	33	..	4.7	13.5	18.7
48	21¾	Waterford Glass	49	+1	1.8	3.7	15.9
83	30	Watmoughs	82	+1	3.8	4.6	8.1
70	36	Watson & Philip	65	..	3.5	5.3	12.3
173	103½	Watts Blake	153	..	6.4b	4.2	7.7
18	10½	Wearwell	16	..	..	..	3.7
150	71½	Weir Grp	116	+2	8.0	6.9	5.5
21	9	Wellco Hldgs	21	..	0.8	3.6	3.5
49	31	Wellman Eng	49	..	3.3	6.7	8.8
44	23	Westbrick Pds	31	..	2.2	7.2	7.1
57	29	Westinghse Brke	46½	..	3.1n	6.6	8.3
69¾	41	Westland Air	44½	+½	4.9	11.0	3.4
9	9	Westminster Inv	9	..	..e	..	..
26	15	Wharf Mill	23	..	2.2	9.3	10.8
54	25	Whatlings	44	..	3.7	8.4	5.9
240	139	W'sheaf Dist	155	..	11.4	7.3	9.4
50½	29	Wh'lock Mar	29	-1½	..	..	..
107	51	Whessoe	89	+1	7.0	7.8	4.9
13½	8	Whewy Watson	13	..	1.3	10.2	7.8
84	41	White Child	82	..	6.8	8.3	6.0
195	128	Whitecroft	177	+1	20.0	11.3	3.9
54	18	Whiteley BSW	43	..	0.8e	1.8	18.0
135	58	Wholesale Fit	125	..	8.0	6.4	7.3
153	95	Wigfall H.	150	..	7.5	5.0	8.1
24	11	Wiggins Constr	23	..	2.4	10.3	7.3
114	55	Wight Cons	114	+3	10.2	8.9	9.0
213	129	Wilkins'n Match	209	+3	13.2	6.3	11.4
102	79	Do 10% Conv	£102	+1	1000	9.8	..
40¼	25¾	Wms J. Cardiff	40	+2	4.2	10.4	5.2
49	28	Wills G. & Sons	48	-1	2.2	4.6	5.0
91½	51	Wilmot Breeden	62½	+½	4.5	7.2	4.5
36½	17½	Wilson Bros	35½	..	2.1	6.0	8.7
91	38	Wimpey G	83	..	0.9	1.1	11.1
45	24	Winn Ind	37½	..	4.0	10.7	7.9
43	29½	Witter T.	42	+2	4.4	10.4	7.5
182	82	W'sley Hughes	182	+6	10.2	5.6	8.5
24	12	Wood & Sons	22	..	0.9	4.1	4.7
45	20	Wood S. W.	45	..	5.8	13.0	..
94	63	Wood Hall Tst	93	+1	7.3	7.9	8.6
254	97	Woodhead J.	217	-1	10.5	4.8	7.0
52	26	W'dh'se Rixson	29½	+1½	3.3	11.3	8.1
68	49	Woolworth	64½	+1	6.6	9.3	13.1

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
79	25	Yule Catto	74	-½	2.0	..	..

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
..	65	Bowring	116	..	4.2	3.6	..
55	..	Brentnall Beard	56	+2	1.9	3.4	10.4
164	122	Britannic	160	+4	12.5	7.7	..
170	122	Com Union	160	+3	11.4	7.4	..
190	207	Eagle Star	159	+3	9.3	5.8	..
194	124	Equity & Law	172	+4	9.4	5.4	..
264	162	Gen Accident	244	+4	12.5n	5.1	..
234	175	Guardian Royal	238	+5	14.5	5.7	..
255	155	Hambro Life	227	+5	24.1	5.6	..
270	128	Heath C. E.	227	+5	7.5	2.9	11.9
..	..	Hogg Robinson	165	-5	8.4	4.9	9.8
..	..	Howden A.	185	-5	9.0	4.8	10.2
184	129	Legal & Gen	173	+7	9.0	4.6	..
117	91	Leslie & Godwin	77	-1	6.4	6.6	12.0
..	..	London & Man	230	+3	8.2	6.3	..
150	57	Ldn Utd Inv	150	+1	5.8	3.9	12.5
..	..	Matthews W'son	195	-5	13.9	7.1	8.7
..	..	Minet Hldgs	169	-6	4.9	2.9	13.9
..	..	Moran C.	66	..	5.0n	7.6	..
..	..	Pearl	249	+6	17.3	7.0	..
222	158	Phoenix	254	+6	14.9	5.8	..
130	100	Prov Life 'A'	126	..	11.8	9.3	..
129	100	Do A Br	124	..	11.5	9.5	..
128	100	Do B	124	..	11.6	9.5	..
128	100	Do B Br	124	..	11.8	9.5	..
160	115	Prudential	163	+6	9.5	5.8	..
140	94	Refuge	140	+2	10.5	7.5	..
..	299	Royal	417	+3	23.6	5.6	..
265	224	Sedg Forbes	340	-13	14.5	4.3	14.6
111	99	Stenhouse	103	-1	6.1	6.0	7.9
662	335	Sun Alliance	593	+11	30.5	5.2	..
247	65	Sun Life	203	+5	4.7	4.6	..
173	122	Trade Indem'ty	165	..	12.0	7.3	..
310	195	Willis Faber	290	..	11.9	4.3	14.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
142	104	Aberdeen Trst	139½	-½	7.1	5.2	26.5
224	165	Alliance Trust	218	-2	9.6n	4.4	29.9
43	25½	Amer Trust	43½	-½	1.8b	4.2	39.9
100	72	Ang-Amer Secs	96	-2½	4.1	4.2	33.0
52	32	Anglo Int Inv	49½	-½	4.4	9.1	17.0
137	97	Do Ass	129	..	..	..	..
44½	31	Anglo Scot	43	-1	2.4	5.6	27.9
132½	95½	Ashdown Inv	129½	-1	5.5	4.3	36.3
53	35	ABC Regional	51½	-1½	0.8	1.5	82.6
90½	43	Atlantic Assets	88	-2	0.6	0.7	..
62	43	Atlas Electric	59	-1	2.4	4.1	35.1
68	47¼	Bankers Inv	62	-1½	3.5b	6.2	23.1
56	40	Berry Trust	56	..	1.3	2.4	61.5
293½	208½	Border & Stirn	291½	-6	11.4	3.9	35.8
42½	26	Brit Am & Gen	40½	..	2.3	5.7	27.4
71¾	43	Brit Assets Tst	67½	-2½	2.2	3.2	38.8
12	7½	Brit Emp Sec	12	..	0.9	7.6	17.1
163	115	Brit Invest	153½	-1½	6.8	4.4	35.2
147½	102½	Broadstone	145½	-2	7.2	5.0	30.9
99½	63	Brunner	96½	-1	5.4	5.6	27.0
76	42	Brycourt Inv	76	+1	3.3	4.3	34.1
66	43	CLRP Inv	66	..	2.3	4.4	27.8
231	157	Caledonia Inv	234	+2	12.8	5.0	28.0
73½	56	Caledonian Tst	69½	-1	2.6	3.7	45.4
69½	52	Do B	68½	-½	..	..	..
129½	91	Capital & Natl	127½	..	6.1	4.9	..
117½	84½	Do B	116½	..	..	..	..
107½	73	Cardinal 'Dfd'	105½	..	5.1	4.8	..
112½	83½	Carliol Inv	112½	..	5.7	5.0	29.8
67	46	Cedar Inv	67	..	3.8	5.7	25.4
59	40	Charter Trust	55	..	3.3	5.9	24.8
68½	54	Clydesdale Inv	66½	-2	2.7	4.0	42.6
65	49	Do B	63½	-2½	..	..	..
11½	5½	Commonw Mkt	£11½	..	20.5g	1.8	..
205½	155½	Cont & Ind	200½	..	9.1	4.5	34.5
126½	102	Crescent Japan	124	-2½	..	..	..
82	48	Crossfriars	79	..	5.1	6.4	23.0
27½	14½	Cumulus	27½	..	1.2	4.4	34.4
100	80	Delta Inv	89	..	..	..	..
220	132	Derby Tst 'Inc'	200	..	20.0	10.0	19.5
170	86	Do Cap	164	..	..	..	..
135	100	Drayton Com	132	-1	6.2	4.7	34.8
146	115	Drayton Cons	143	-2	7.1	5.0	27.0
196	150	Do Premier	193	-2	9.2	4.8	30.0
65	40½	Dundee & Ldn	61	..	3.5	5.7	25.7
162	115	Edin & Dundee	162	..	5.3b	3.3	..
98½	65	Edin Amer Ass	95	..	1.4	1.5	80.5
229	164	Edinburgh Inv	228½	-½	9.6b	4.2	39.3
73½	50	Elec & Gen	65½	..	2.2b	3.4	40.7
92½	69½	Eng & Int	90½	..	5.3	5.9	24.3
76	54½	Eng & N York	74	-1	3.8b	5.1	31.9
274	171¼	Estate Duties	274	..	11.2	4.1	32.5
92	69	First Scot Am	89	+3	4.3	4.9	35.2
153	117	Foreign & Colnl	149½	-1½	4.4	2.9	51.7
131	101	Gt Japan Inv	102	-2	1.5	1.5	49.3
148½	100	Gen Funds 'Ord'	137½	-1	6.3	4.6	42.0
117½	79	Do Conv	110½	-1	..	..	..
106	74½	Gen Inv & Tsts	104	..	5.2	5.0	30.4
94	65	Gen Scottish	81½	..	4.6	5.7	26.5
87½	64	Glenderon	85	-½	2.6	3.0	39.9
122½	71	Globe Trust	112	-2	6.2b	5.5	25.1
78	49	Grange Trust	74	-4	2.9	3.9	34.9
110	75	Great Northern	105½	..	5.4	5.1	29.9
86	61½	Greenfriar	78	-1	1.8b	2.3	44.8
49	27	Gresham Hse	46	-1	4.6	9.9	10.9
84¼	57	Guardian	80½	-½	3.6	4.4	32.7
94	61	Hambros	88	-1	5.1	5.8	27.0
82	38	Harcros	82	..	2.9	3.5	47.1
196½	122	Hill P. Inv	184	-1	10.5b	5.7	26.1
79	42	Hume Hldgs A	77	-1	5.6	7.3	19.5
53¾	36½	Indus & General	51½	-½	2.2	4.2	33.4
76	52	Internat Inv	75	..	3.6b	4.7	27.7
122	89½	Invest in Suc	120	-1	4.1	3.4	56.8
206	162	Inv Tst Corp	203	-2	9.2	4.6	32.7
75	59½	Inv Cap Trst	72	-1½	1.9b	2.6	58.1
133½	112	Jardine Japan	114½	-3½	1.1	0.9	..
143	107	Jersey Ext	122	-1	..	..	..
90	66	Lake View Inv	88½	-1½	3.3	3.8	37.3
101	68	Law Deb Corp	101	..	6.2	6.1	24.3
111	84	Ldn & Holyrood	110	-1	5.0	4.5	34.2
181	139	Ldn & Montrose	178	-3	8.0	4.5	33.0
109	84	Ldn & Prov Tst	107	-2	4.7	4.4	34.5
87	34	Ldn Merch Sec	87	+2	2.1	2.4	..
85½	31	Do Cap	85½	+2	..	..	..
71	44	Ldn Pru Invest	71	..	4.2b	5.9	29.8
183	125	Ldn Trust	192	..	12.1b	6.3	35.1
39¼	26	Mercantile Inv	37¼	-½	1.5	4.1	38.4
72½	55	Merchants Trust	70½	-1	3.9b	5.6	30.7
50	40½	Monks Inv	48½	-½	2.1	4.4	33.2
85	47	Moorgate Inv	82	..	4.6	5.6	25.3
22	11½	New Throg 'Inc'	21	-½	2.4	11.3	15.8
103	24	Do Cap	102	..	..	..	..
94	74½	North Atlantic	90½	-½	4.1	4.5	31.4
100	71	Northern Amer	98½	..	4.3	4.4	34.7
101	64	Northern Sec	101	..	5.0b	5.0	23.6
66	48	Oil & Associated	60	..	3.0	5.0	29.1
117	88	Pentland	117	..	5.2	4.4	30.6
75	60	Progressive Sec	73	..	4.0	5.5	26.8
123	98	Raeburn	123	..	5.3	4.3	33.3
177	108	River & Merc	169	-2	11.5	6.8	21.6
144	85½	River Plate	142	..	8.2	5.7	..
89	69	Romney Trust	87½	-1	3.8	4.3	36.2
197	104½	Rothschild	180	-2	8.5	4.7	27.2
71	44	Safeguard	71	..	5.5	7.7	18.8
88	57½	Scot Amer	85½	-½	3.2b	3.8	..
48½	35½	Scot&Cont'ltlnv	48½	+1	1.8	3.6	39.2
122	49	Scot & Merc 'A'	121	..	4.6	3.8	26.5
132	102	Scot Eastern	128½	-1	5.7b	4.4	34.8
38½	25	Scot European	37½	-½	2.3b	6.1	27.4
99½	75	Scot Invest	94½	-1½	3.9	4.1	35.4
118½	91½	Scot Mortgage	109	..	4.6b	4.2	34.3
148½	111	Scot National	144½	-1	5.2	3.6	37.8
100	70	Scot Northern	98	-½	4.2	4.3	32.9
87½	72	Scot United	82½	-1½	3.0	3.6	53.2
88½	70	Scot Western	83½	-2	3.2	3.8	46.6
86½	64½	Do B	81½	-½	..	..	..
191½	143	Sec Alliance	185	-1½	8.6	4.6	31.6
76½	61½	Sec Gt Northern	73½	..	2.6	3.8	44.0
75½	58	Do B	71½	..	..	..	42.8
174	132	Sterling Trust	172	..	7.6	4.4	34.9
94½	67½	Stockholders	92	..	3.1	3.4	42.8
104	62	Throg Sec 'Cap'	94	+1	..	..	..
73	42½	Throgmtn Trust	73	..	6.2	8.4	18.5
676	565	Tribune Inv	625	..	15.3b	2.9	40.7
67½	46½	Triplevest 'Inc'	63½	..	6.4	10.0	18.2
179	94	Do Cap	155	..	..	..	..
139	92	Trustees Corp	137	..	6.4	4.6	32.0
111	87½	Tyneside Inv	109	..	5.7b	5.2	19.9
128	97	Utd Brit Secs	127	..	6.4	5.0	31.9
95	74½	Utd States Deb	93½	..	4.6	5.0	27.7
190	143	Utd States Gen	188	..	6.0	3.2	47.2
104	68½	Viking Res	98½	-1	1.4	1.4	82.1
194	140	W'bottom Trust	182	..	7.0	3.8	38.6
86	63	Witan Inv	83½	..	3.2n	3.8	..
83	61	Do B	79	..	0.1	0.1	..
171	111	Yeoman Tst	171	..	10.5b	6.1	25.0
29	17	Yorks & Lancs	28	..	2.1b	7.3	20.3
80	50	Young Co Inv	76	..	5.0b	6.6	22.2

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
321	215	Brit & Comm	295	+3	13.0	4.6	9.8
152	84	Fisher J.	120	..	2.2	1.8	11.8
355	207	Furness Withy	328	+1	11.9	3.6	6.5
305	140	Hunting Gibson	233	..	16.4	7.0	3.2
39½	24¼	Jacobs J. I.	37½	+1½	2.8	7.6	11.0
37¼	33½	Ldn & O'seas Fr	37½	+1	5.1	13.6	..
270	215	Manch Liners	255	..	7.6	3.0	30.3
179	123½	Ocean Trans	137	..	11.8	8.6	3.6
172	110	P & O 'Dfd'	118	..	9.6	8.2	8.1
128	100	Runciman W	104	+1	12.6	12.1	7.6

MINES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
520	370	Anglo Am Coal	450	..	27.0	6.0	..
322	195	Anglo Am Corp	253	+1	20.9g	8.3	..
17½	11¼	Ang Am Gold	£15	+⅛	107	7.1	..
33½	19	Anglo Am Inv	£30¼	-¼	303	9.9	..
9½	6¼	Anglo Transvl	£6¼	..	66.1	10.6	..
9¼	6¼	Do A	£6¼	..	66.1	10.6	..
11¼	8¼	Asarco	£9¾	-⅛	22.9	2.3	..
397	235	Ayer Hitam	235	..	97.1	41.3	..
68	36	Beralt Tin	46	-1	6.2	13.4	..
417	240	Blyvoors	297	+4	33.5	11.3	..
46	18	Botswana RST	18	..	..	..	..
96	55	Bracken Mines	63	+4	16.5	26.2	..
127	70	BH South	70	-4	..e	..	..
10⅝	5⅝	Buffelsfontein	£6⅝	+⅛	94.5	10.8	..
134	106	Charter Cons	130	..	11.6	9.1	..

OIL

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
65	44	Ampol Pet	65	-1	3.4	5.2	..
120	47	Attock	112	..	6.5	5.8	..
176	124	Brit Borneo	145	..	9.3	6.4	..
960	775	BP	840	-10	33.5	4.0	..
73	41	Burmah Oil	51	..	..e	..	..
66½	44½	Century Oils	55	..	3.7	7.0	..
34½	15½	Charterhall	29½	+1	..	..	..
18½	13¼	C F Petroles	£13½	-½	143	10.6	..
44	24	KCA Int	35	+2	0.2	0.4	..
195	162	Lasmo	180	+2	..	..	..
415	365	Do Ops	403	-3	..	..	..
109	84½	Do 14% Ln	£99	-½	1400	12.9	..
252	77	Oil Exploration	200	-2	2.9	1.0	..
23½	5	Premier Cons	19½	-½	..	..	..
239¼	14¼	Ranger Oil	£17¼	-1¼	..	..	..
34	1½	Reynolds Dtv	1½	..	..	..	..
30¼	24¼	Royal Dutch	£30¼	-¾	117	4.0	..
622	458	Shell	520	-6	23.9	4.6	..
292	104	Tricentrol	172	-2	1.7	1.0	..
292	124	Ultramar	231	..	..	..	..
156	84	Do 7% Cnv	231	-4	10.6	8.1	..

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
60¾	29¼	Allied Ldn	54	+1	2.9	5.2	..
226	127	Allnatt Ldn	226	..	5.9	2.6	..
138	114	Apex Props	135	..	3.3	2.5	..
19½	11	Aquis Secs	18	..	0.9	5.1	..
94	46½	Beaumont Prop	94	+1	4.9	5.2	..
51½	23½	Bellway Hldgs	51½	+1	4.0	7.8	..
127	59	Berkeley Hmbro	117	+5	4.0	3.4	..
178	130	Billon Percy	178	+3	0.4	0.2	..
174	116	Do Accum	174	+3	0.3	0.2	..
227	118	Bradford Prop	227	+5	9.9	4.3	..
47½	22	British Land	46	+2	..e	..	..
114	56¼	Brixton Estate	113	+1	2.9b	2.5	..
50	10	Cap & Counties	50	+1	1.5b	3.0	..
312	141	Chesterfield	312	+1	5.5	1.9	..
14½	6½	Chown Secs	14½	..	..	..	..
262	145	Churchbury Est	252	+2	6.5	2.6	..
59	37½	City Offices	59	+2	2.5	4.2	..
168	114	Corn Exchange	168	+5	2.9	1.7	..
27½	17	Country & New T	24	+1	1.0	4.2	..
90	35	County & Dist	90	+1	1.2	1.3	..
69	32½	Daejan Hldgs	64½	+2½	4.5	7.0	..
51½	34	Eng Prop	47½	+1	1.6	7.3	..
20½	11	Estates & Gen	20½	+½	1.2	5.9	..
83	36	Estates Prop	82	..	1.5	1.9	..
200	64	Evans of Leeds	200	+7	3.9	2.0	..
324	200	Gt Portland	324	+6	6.0	1.8	..
97	52	Guildhall	53	+1	3.7	4.4	..
595	310	Hammerson 'A'	590	+5	7.1	1.3	..
253	152	Haslemere Ests	252	+9	4.6	1.5	..
231	142	Land Secs	222	+5	7.3	3.3	..
56	32½	Law Land	50	-2½	1.5b	3.0	..
92	48½	Ldn & Prov Sh	92	+3	1.1	1.2	..
73	40	Ldn Shop	73	+2	4.5	6.2	..
122	69	Lynton Hldgs	120	+2	3.5	2.9	..
130	46	MEPC	128	+3	2.6	2.0	..
16	9½	Marler Estates	16	..	..	..	..
38	25	Midhurst Whites	31¾	..	..	..	..
115	48	Muckiow A & J.	115	..	3.4	2.9	..
160	108	Municipal	160	..	7.0	4.4	..
82	28	Peachey Prop	82	+3½	1.5	1.8	..
312	180	Prop & Rever	312	+2	7.1	2.3	..
312	178	Do A	312	+2	7.1	2.3	..
343	216	Prop Hldgs	343	..	0.9	2.9	..
155	44	Prop Sec	154	..	2.9	1.9	..
4	2	Raglan Prop	3½	+¾	..	..	..
85	21	Regional	65	..	1.0	1.2	..
73¼	30	Do A	73½	+1	1.0	1.3	..
106	29	Rush & Tompkins	106	+1	3.9	3.7	..
116	59¼	Scot Met Props	116	+1	2.9	2.5	..
127	77	Slough Ests	127	+1	3.4	2.7	..
264	158	Stock Conv	264	+3	2.6	1.0	..
196	90	Sunley B.	196	+6	6.1	3.1	..
15	5	Town & City	15	+1	0.0	0.1	..
97	41	Trafford Park	97	+1	5.5	5.7	..
24	10½	UK Props	24	+½	..e	..	..
18	7¼	Webb J.	18	+½	0.7	4.1	..
16½	10½	W'mster & C'ty	13½	..	..e	..	..

RUBBER

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
80	34	Anglo-Indonesia	74	-1	3.9	5.2	..
32	18	Bradwall FMS	31½	..	1.9	6.1	..
187	82	Castlefield	168	..	5.0	3.0	..
58	25	Chersonese	56	..	3.0	5.4	..
106	74½	Cons Plant	95½	-½	12.0	12.6	..
32	13	Doranakande	32	..	2.2n	6.9	..
45	27½	Gadek Malaysia	45	..	1.0	2.1	..
9½	5½	Grand Central	8½	..	0.8	9.8	..
250	165	Guthrie Corp	225	-1	18.2	8.1	..
69	48	Harrisons Malay	69	+1½	4.6	6.7	..
66	36½	Highlds & Low	59½	-1½	4.7	8.0	..
138	67	Hongkong	138	..	8.4	6.1	..
200	125	Killinghall	200	..	17.5	8.8	..
34½	22	Kulim Malaysia	30	-1	2.1	7.0	..
81½	44	Ldn Sumatra	91½	+6	3.1	3.8	..
39	22½	Majedie	38	..	1.0	2.7	..
30	10½	Malayalam	30	..	1.7	5.8	..
33	12¾	Muar River	33	..	0.7	2.1	..
58	34	Plant Hldgs	58	+1	3.3	5.7	..
18½	10½	Sungei Krian	£18½	..	76.8	4.2	..

TEA

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
390	147	Assam Frontier	385	+5	24.6	6.4	..
118	52	Assam Inv	105	+1	10.6	10.1	..
240	95	Camellia Inv	197	+2	2.8	1.4	..
140	22	Deundi	130	..	4.9	3.9	..
250	123	Jokai	232	..	18.5n	8.7	..
225	120	McLeod Russel	180	..	15.2	8.4	..
410	124	Moran	400	..	22.7t	5.7	..
90	15	Surman Valley	90	+3	10.0	11.1	..
201	102	Warren Plant	182	..	20.0	11.0	..

MISCELLANEOUS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
10⅞	7⅞	Algoma Cen Rly	£9⅞	-⅛	26.0	2.9	..
71	40	Calcutta Elec	64	..	13.0	20.3	..
49	42	E Surr Wtr 4.9%	£49	..	490	10.0	..
38½	31½	Essex Wtr 3.5%	38½	..	530	13.8	..
64	47	Gt Nthn Tele	£49	-2	193	3.9	..
450	342	Imp Cont Gas	365	..	14.2	3.9	..
38	32	Mid Kent Wtr	£37½	..	500	13.3	..
92	46	Milford Docks	78	..	4.1	5.3	..
230	140	Nigerian Elec	220	..	17.2	7.8	..
38	31½	Sunderlnd Wtr	£38	..	538	14.2	..

• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 04.01.78 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earn-ings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	205.33	6.49	11.69	204.61
Largest Coys.	208.45	6.18	11.19	207.86
Smaller Coys.	195.26	7.11	14.35	194.70
Capital Goods	236.89	6.75	14.03	235.83
Consumer Goods	220.16	6.74	11.38	219.00
Store Shares	186.54	5.97	7.46	184.88
Largest financial shares	234.80	5.26	—	231.62
Largest financial and industrial shares	213.46	6.01	—	212.30
Commodity shares	203.28	5.94	12.16	206.13
Gold Mining shares	294.48	9.32	18.17	289.54
Industrial debenture stocks	55.99	6.18*	—	55.87
Industrial Preference stocks	61.82	11.31*	—	61.70
3½% War Loan	37	9.52*	—	37¼

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

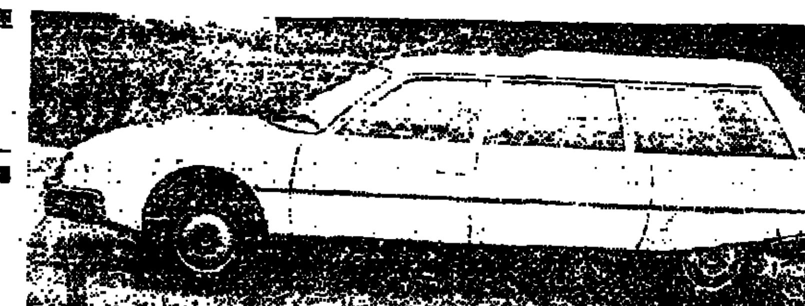
	High	Low
All-time	222.98 (14.09.77)	60.18 (13.12.74)
1978	205.33 (04.01.78)	204.61 (03.01.78)
1977	222.98 (14.09.77)	151.29 (13.01.77)
1976	171.85 (05.05.76)	115.83 (27.10.76)
1975	156.92 (19.11.75)	61.42 (06.01.75)
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	60.18 (13.12.74)
1973	189.33 (15.01.73)	130.99 (14.12.73)

* Flat interest yield.

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Motoring

Steering into a metric revolution



Eight-seater comfort—the Citroen CX Familiale

The switch from miles to kilometres on roads and the consequent adoption of new speed limits is only part of the metric revolution in motoring that will take place over the next five years or so.

Apart from having to work out his distances and speeds in kilometres, the motorist will be buying his petrol in litres and, as I reported last week, checking his tyre pressures in bars instead of pounds per square inch. Metric gauges are being introduced at garage forecourts from this month.

In other respects the change has already begun. Engine oil has for some time been sold in litres, cars are designed in metres and centimetres and the Construction and Use Regulations, which lay down the legal safety requirements, have also "gone metric".

So it is perhaps an evolution rather than a revolution. There is something to be said for gradual change in that it allows one helping of metrication to be fully digested before the next one comes along. But equally it can be argued that it would have been better done in one concerted operation, like the introduction of decimal currency.

The metrication of British roads will see a combination of these methods. The speed limit signs, because they carry the force of law, will have to be changed more or less overnight, otherwise drivers would be trying to observe miles-per-hour limits on one road and kilometres-per-hour on another. Enforcement, too, would be confusing.

Information signs, those giving the distance from one town to another, are likely to change more slowly. This is because much of the cost will fall on local authorities, who will want to spread such expenditure as much as they can. For some years, two types of sign will be in use.

On present official reckoning, it will probably be 1980 at the earliest before the Government issues the final go-ahead for metrication on the roads and five years after that before the last mileage sign disappears. I suppose a mile post will have to become a 1.6-kilometre post.

By the mid-1980s there will be many thousands of road users who will have learnt the metric system at school and will look on miles, feet and inches as the present generation contemplates shillings and half-crowns. Older motorists may find it less easy to adapt, though some will have become familiar with metric distances through driving on the Continent.

As most of our speed limits convert into round metric figures, give or take a kilometre or two, metrication is unlikely to make much difference to how fast we are allowed to drive. Thus 30 mph is roughly 50 kph, and 60 mph translates into 100 kph. The top limit of 70 mph will probably go to 110 kph (actually just over 68 mph), though the motoring lobby will press for either 120 kph (around 75 mph) or 130 kph (80 mph).

Those 0 to 60 mph acceleration figures will have to become 0 to 100 kph and will not sound so impressive. On the other hand, manufacturers of performance cars will be able to quote maximum speeds of 200 and 250, not that this will make them any more legal in most countries.

The Government is proposing a general change from gallons to litres at petrol pumps by the end of 1981, though it is already legal to sell petrol in litres and a small number of stations are doing so. All dispensing equipment is now being designed for easy conversion.

The Department of Prices and the petrol trade will probably agree on a quick change-over so as to cause the least confusion in the public mind. Otherwise, with a gallon roughly equivalent to 4½ litres, a motorist would need exceptional mental arithmetic to decide whether 80p a gallon was a better deal than 18p a litre.

Metrication will mean the end of miles-per-gallon fuel consumption figures. Continental practice is to express consumption in terms of litres per 100 kilometres and presumably we shall do the same. Those wishing to make the conversion should divide the metric figure into 282.5 so that 11.21 litres per 100km becomes 25.2 mpg.

Road test: Citroën cx Familiale

This family version of Citroën's Safari estate is not so much a car as a small bus—seating eight people in comfort and still managing a more than useful boot. There are three rows of forward-facing seats, including three separate ones in the middle row and a rear bench that folds forward if the space is needed for more luggage and fewer passengers.

Head and legroom is generous throughout and even a six-footer will not be too cramped on the back seat. The seats themselves are, in the Citroën manner, soft and well padded while giving the right amount of support to the back, and with the hydro-pneumatic suspension effortlessly soaking up most bumps this is an exceptionally comfortable car.

The boot, too, is a model of how such things should be done. Because the engine drives the front wheels there is no transmission tunnel or final drive unit to get in the way and with the spare wheel tucked away under the bonnet, the floor is low and the luggage area unimpeded. And the tailgate comes down to floor level. With all seats in use, the load space is still 16 cubic feet and when the rear seat is folded down the area more than doubles—sufficient, for instance, to take two medium bicycles.

In appearance suggestive of some huge bird, the car is just over 16 feet long and not the easiest thing to tuck into tight parking spaces. Manoeuvrability is, however, helped by excellent visibility—thanks to the large area of glass—and the standard power steering.

Such a big car needs, and has, the biggest available Citroën engine, the four-cylinder 2400. Though performance is not the first requirement of an estate, the Familiale's considerable bulk accelerates to 60 mph in 13 seconds and reaches a top speed of just over 100 mph, quite enough for most drivers. The engine is generally smooth and quiet, except for the periodic roar of the electric fan, and the smooth shape means little wind noise.

My test car had Citroën's C-matic, three-speed, semi-automatic transmission. The gears are selected manually, but there is no clutch. First gear is needed only for steep slopes or starting from cold and most work can be done in second, with third for open-road driving. Apart from a sharp take-up on first, the system is smooth and easy to operate. But it does use more fuel and I could do no better than 17 to 22mpg.

A newcomer to the car will almost certainly underestimate the responsiveness of the steering and brakes. The steering, called Varipower, is another Citroën speciality, designed to give increased "feel" as the speed of the car rises. This it does, though the driver will be more struck by the extreme sensitivity of the system—only two and a half turns from lock to lock—and the powered return to the straight ahead position when the steering wheel is released.

The brakes, too, give the maximum response for the minimum effort, indeed their action is sometimes too sharp. The general handling of the car is soft, with plenty of body roll on corners, but it holds the road well.

The suspension system, which automatically adjusts to the load carried, is ideally suited to an estate and the height of the car can be adjusted manually. Citroëns are renowned for the quality of their ride and it needs a severe bump or pothole to catch the CX out.

The "cockpit" is pure Citroën, with a single-spoke steering wheel, speedometer and rev counter giving their information on revolving drums, minor controls that are played like piano keys and a line of 17 warning lights. One very bad feature is having the heat and ventilation levers on the floor so that their operation means taking one's eyes off the road. For an expensive car, ventilation is poor unless boosted by the noisy fan.

With C-matic transmission, the Familiale costs £5,772 and, good car though it is, the Peugeot 504 Family Estate, which offers similar accommodation, is more than £1,000 cheaper. True, it has a smaller engine (1971cc) but the difference in performance is not great and the ride, arguably, is even better.

Peter Waymark

Broadcasting

7.40 pm BBC 1 — Penelope Keith gets the accolades, but my vote is for the believable Felicity Kendall in The Good Life, probably the best comedy show on the box.
9 pm ITV — And the lovely Miss Kendall stars also in Yorkshire's Home and Beauty. Somerset Maugham's classic gains from that.

BBC 1

9.55 am, The Wombles. 10.00, Jackanory. 10.15, Boris the Gold. 10.20-10.45, White Horses.* 12.45 pm, News. 1.00, Pebble Mill. 1.45-2.00, Trumpton. 3.55, Play School. 4.20, Winsome Witch. 4.25, Jackanory. 4.40, Scooby Doo. 5.00, John Craven. 5.05, Blue Peter. 5.35, Fred Basset.
5.40 News. 5.55, Nationwide.
6.45 Tomorrow's World.
7.10 Top of the Pops.
7.40 The Good Life.
8.10 Wings (new series), with Tim Woodward, Nicholas Jones, Michael Cochrane.
9.00 News.
9.25 Cannon.
10.15 Omnibus. Everyone a special kind of artist.
11.05 Tonight.
11.45 Weather.
* Black and white.

Regional variations (BBC 1): BBC WALES.—1.45-2.00 pm, Barnaby. 4.40, Crystal Tipps. 4.45-5.05, Mae Gen i Stori. 5.55-6.20, Wales Today. 6.45-7.10, Heddiw. 11.25, Welsh Sports Personality of the Year. 10.15-11.05, Cannon. SCOTLAND.—5.55-6.20 pm, Reporting Scotland. NORTHERN IRELAND.—3.53-3.55 pm, Northern Ireland News. 5.55-6.20, Scene Around Six. 11.05, Last of the Summer Wine. 11.35, News.

BBC 2

11.00-11.25 am, Play School. 5.35 pm, Open University: Open Forum; 6.00, The First Year of Life.
6.25 News Headlines.
6.30 Planets lecture: Mars after Viking.
7.30 Newsday.
8.05 Cantilena, recital of music by J. L. Bach, Pachelbel, Widmann, Vivaldi.
8.35 World of Difference. The Broadcasters with Noel Edmonds, John Snagge.
9.00 One Man and his Dog.
9.35 Film: Why Shoot the Teacher? with Bud Cort, Samantha Eggar.
11.10 News.
11.20-12.30 am, The Old Grey Whistle Test: Pick of the Year.

Granada

9.30 am, Dennis the Menace.* 9.55, Woody Woodpecker. 10.15, Untamed World. 10.40, Film, Patty Duke in Billie. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, Looks Familiar. 3.50, Thames. 4.20, Code R. 5.10, This Is Your Right. 5.15, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Cartoon. 6.40, Film. Monte Carlo or Bust, with Tony Curtis. 9.00, Thames. 10.30, What's On. 11.00, What the Papers Say. 11.20-12.20 am, Quincy.

HTV

9.55 am, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 4.20, Dynomutt. 4.45, The Lost Islands. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.20, Southern. 6.00, Report West. 6.18, Report Wales. 6.35, Best in the West. 7.05, Rising Damp. 7.35, Columbo. 9.00, Thames. 10.35, Frank Evans and Friends. 11.25-12.45 am, Film: Fiend Without a Face, with Marshall Thompson, Terence Kilburn.* HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 pm, Penawdau Newyddion y Dydd. 4.20, Wy Gwydd. 4.30-4.45, Arddiadu Car. 6.00-6.18, Y Dydd. 6.35-7.05, Sports Arena. HTV WEST: As HTV except: 1.20-1.30 pm, West Headlines. 6.18-6.35, Sport West.

Westward

9.50 am, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Film: The Barbarian and the Geisha, with John Wayne, Sam Jaffe. 9.00, Thames. 10.30, Westward Report. 11.00, Film: West Side Medical, with James Sloyan. 12.45 am, Faith for Life.

Anglia

9.25 am, Funky Phantom (r). 9.50, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 4.20, The White Stairs. 4.45, Solo One. 5.15, On the Twelfth Day (r). 5.45, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.20, Arena. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Bygones. 7.30, ATV. 8.30, Cuckoo Waltz (r). 9.00, Thames. 10.30, ATV. 11.30, Catch '77 (r). 12.00, Ask a Silly Answer. 12.30 am, The Living Word.

Ulster

9.50 am, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, Thames. 4.20, Big Blue Marble. 4.45, Little House on the Prairie. 5.45, News. 6.00, Ulster Television News. 6.05, Crossroads. 6.30, Reports. 7.00, Happy Days. 7.30, ATV. 9.00, Thames. 10.30, Counterpoint. 11.00, Mind Your Language. 11.30, Wish You Were Here.

Border

9.50 am, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News.* 1.30, Thames. 3.20, The Nature of things. 3.50, Thames. 4.20, Lost Islands. 4.45, Solo One. 5.15, The Flintstones. 5.45, News. 6.00, Lookaround Thursday. 6.35, ATV. 7.30, Mr and Mrs. 8.00, The Streets of San Francisco. 9.00, Thames. 10.30, ATV. 11.30, Wish You Were Here. 11.55, Border News.

Grampian

9.45 am, First Thing. 9.50, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.35, Thames. 7.30, Columbo. 9.00, Thames. 10.30, Sportscall. 11.10, Reflections. 11.15-12.10 am, Baretta.

Tyne Tees

9.20 am, The Good Word. 9.30, Flicks. 9.50, Beachcombers. 10.15, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, North East News. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 3.25, Granada. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, The Brady Bunch. 5.45, News. 6.00, Northern Life. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Get Some In! 7.30, Rising Damp. 8.00, What Fettle Special. 9.00, Thames. 10.30, There's a World in a Club. 11.00, Baretta. 12.00, Twenty Nine. 12.30 am, Epilogue.

Scottish

9.50 am, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, A Rise Old Age (r). 1.20, News. 1.25, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Professor Kitzel (r). 5.20, Southern. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Garnock Way. 7.00, University Challenge. 7.30, Charlie's Angels. 8.30, ATV. 9.00, Thames. 10.30, Wish You Were Here. 11.00, Late Call. 11.05-12.35 am, Film: Fright, with Honor Blackman, Susan George, Ian Bannen.

Yorkshire

9.45 am, A Big Country. 10.25, Tumbly. 10.30, The Lost Islands. 11.00, Run, Joe, Run. 11.30, Clue Club. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, Granada. 3.50, Thames. 4.20, Get Out 4.45, Little House on the Prairie. 5.45, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Get Some In. 7.30, Rising Damp. 8.00, The Streets of San Francisco. 9.00, Thames. 10.30, Frankie Vaughan Show. 11.30, Wish You Were Here. 12.00-12.30 am, Man and Woman.

Thames

9.30 am, Cartoon. 9.40, Documentary: Cause for a King (r). 10.20, Film: Hopalong Cassidy, with William Boyd, Russell Hayden, Gabby Hayes.* 11.35, Dynomutt. 12.00, Animal Kwackers. 12.10 pm, Rainbow. 12.30, The Inventors. 1.00, News. 1.20, Help! 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, After Noon. 2.25, Hunter's Walk (r). 3.20, The Squirrels (r). 3.50, The Cedar Tree. 4.20, The Little House on the Prairie. 5.15, Mr and Mrs.
5.45 News. 6.00, Thames at 6.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Wish You Were Here.
7.30 Film: McMillan: Affair of the Heart, with Rock Hudson.
9.00 Play: Home and Beauty.
10.00 News.
10.30 Time for Business.
11.15 Phyllis.
11.45 What the Papers Say.
12.05 am, Epilogue.
(r) Repeat.

Channel

1.18 pm, Channel News. 1.30, Thames. 6.00, Channel News. 6.10, Fantastic Voyage. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Film: The Barbarian and the Geisha. 9.00, Thames. 10.32, The Story of Wine. 11.00, Film: West Side Medical—My Physician, My Friend. 12.45 am, News.

ATV

10.15 am, Untamed Frontiers. 10.40, The Cat in the Hat. 11.05, Puzzle Party (r). 11.30, Jam. 11.55, Parsley. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, The Sullivans. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Happy Days. 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, The Squirrels (r). 7.30, Bionic Woman. 8.30, Rising Damp (r). 9.00, Thames. 10.30, Police Woman. 11.30-12.00, Master Golf.

Southern

9.35 am, Sean the Leprechaun. 9.50, Lookout. 10.15, Electric Theatre Show. 10.40, Digging for Yesterday. 11.05, Pollination. 11.35, Hogg's Back. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 4.20, Cartoon. 4.25, Little House on the Prairie. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.30, Survival. 7.00, Car Along the Pass. 7.30, Hawaii Five-O. 8.30, ATV. 9.00, Thames. 10.30, ATV. 11.30, Southern News. 11.40, What the Papers Say. 12.00, Weather. Epilogue.

Radio

1

6.00 am, News: Ray Moore.† 7.02, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Simon Bates. 11.31, Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm, Kid Jensen. 4.31, DLT. 7.02, Country Club.† 9.02, Folkweave.† 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00-12.06 am, News.
† Stereo.

2

6.00 am, News. 6.02, Ray Moore.† 7.32, Terry Wogan.† (8.27, Racing bulletin.) 10.02, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray.† 2.30, David Hamilton.† 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, John Dunn.† 6.45, Sport. 7.02, Radio 1. 10.02, Two by Two. 10.30, Star Sound. 11.02, Brian Matthew. 12.00, News.

3

6.55 am, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.05, Beethoven, Massenet, Schubert.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Dvorak, Vorisek, Smetana.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Haydn.† 10.00, Fanfare.† 10.20, Cello and Piano, part 1: Beethoven, Josephs.† 11.00, In Short. 11.10, Cello and Piano, part 2: Mendelssohn, Brahms.† 11.55, Northern Sinfonia Orchestra: Strauss, Mozart, Stravinsky, Seiber.† 1.00 pm, News. 1.05, Manchester Midday Concert: Schubert. 2.00, The Florentine Straw Hat, musical farce by Nino Rota: Acts 1 and 2.† 3.00, Reading. 3.10, The Florentine Straw Hat: Acts 3 and 4. 4.10, Amadeus String Quartet, part 1: Haydn, Mozart.† 4.55, Reading. 5.00, Quartet, part 2: Schubert. 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, Hazards. 7.00, The Prisoners. 7.30, Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, part 1: Cherubini, Mehul.† 8.05, Reading. 8.15, Concert, part 2: Beethoven. 9.00, Play: The Suicide, by Nikolai Erdman. 10.40, Cantatas: Clérambault, Rameau.† 11.25, News. 11.30-11.55, Schubert Song.†

4

6.15 am, News. 6.17, Farming. 6.35, Up to the Hour. 7.00, News. 7.10, Today. 7.35, Up to the Hour. 8.00, News. 8.10, Today. 8.45, The Best of Bierce. 9.00, News. 9.05, Records. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Down Your Way. 11.45, Speaking for Myself, with Ian Grimble. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, The Burkiss Way. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.30, The archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: Say Goodnight, Bridget. 3.50, Jack de Manio. 4.35, Story: Mapp and Lucia. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.40, Serendipity. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.30, Top of the Form. 7.00, News. 7.05, The Archers. 7.20, Sounds Natural: Bing Crosby on wild life. 7.45, The quiet Watered Land, the river Shannon. 8.30, The Strange World of Arthur Pedrick, genius or crank? 8.45, Hawks or Doves: Communist Approaches. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.30, Any Answers? 11.00, A Book at Bedtime: "The Spy Who Came in from the Cold." 11.15, The financial World Tonight. 11.30, News. 12.03-12.06 am, Inshore forecast.



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CHERTKOW.—On December 30th, to Elizabeth (nee Hill) and Paul—a son.

COOMBES.—On December 29th, at B.M.H., Hanover, to Victoria (nee Glikes) and David—a son.

GUTHRIE.—On 26th Dec. to James and Averil—a daughter, sister for Julian and Jonathan.

GUYATT.—On January 3rd, 1978, *to Kathleen (nee Fedrick)* and John—a son, Alexander John, a brother for Elizabeth and Mary.

HOLLEY.—On 29th December, to Anne and Tim—a daughter.

LE MASURIER.—On January 2nd, at Trowbridge Hospital, to Jane and Richard—a son (Nicholas Paul).

McEVOY.—On 3rd January, 1977, to *Belinda (nee Robertson)* and David—a daughter.

MEYRICK.—On the 4th of January, 1978, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Boscombe, to Jean, wife of George Meyrick—a daughter.

PUNCH.—On December 30th, 1977, at Queen Charlotte's, to Johanna (nee Lowe) and Michael—a daughter (Lucy).

RUMBOLD.—On Dec 31st, at Queen Charlotte's, London, to Katie (nee Cagney) and Michael—a daughter (Victoria Catherine).

SAMMONS.—On January 2nd, 1978, to Anita (nee Lewis) and Hugh, of 9 Lynfield Rd., Lichfield, Staffs—a son Daniel.

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WARTH.—On December 31st, 1977, to Jean (nee Bainbridge) and Andrew—a son.

MARRIAGES

CHATAWAY : ROWLAND.—On December 30th, 1977, at St. Anthony's, Broadstone, Colin Eagle Perceval Chataway to Maureen Manuela Helen Rowland.

GALEA : BRUCE PAYNE.—On Friday, December 30th, 1977, in Oxford, Dr. Joseph M. P. Galea to Margaret Bruce Payne.

MILNE : BURIS.—On 4th January, 1978, Hendrik Gerardus, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Campbell Milne of Monken Hadley, Hertfordshire, to Philippa Jean Alexis, eldest daughter of Lt.-Cdr. and Mrs F. A. Buris of Coral Gables, Florida, U.S.A.

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DEATHS

AVERILL, KATHLEEN MARY, of 6, Ferry Road, Rye, East Sussex, on 2nd January, 1978, dearly beloved mother of Gillian and Patricia.

BLAIR.—On January 1st, 1978, peacefully, at Mount Alvernia, Guildford, Robert Malcolm Blair, aged 82, loving father of Daphne Gammon and Diana Gill. Service at the Guildford Crematorium on Monday, January 9th, at 11.00 a.m. Flowers may be sent to Pimm's Funerals, Guildford.

BROOKS.—On 1st January, at a London nursing home, Cyrus Harry, aged 87, dearly loved husband of Win and loving father of John and Angela. Service at Mortlake Crematorium on 13th January at 3.40 p.m. Cut flowers only, please, to W. S. Bond, 19, Bond St., Ealing, W.5.

CAMERON.—On December 31st, peacefully, in St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, Agnes. Funeral service at All Souls' Cemetery, Kensal Green, on Monday, January 9th, at 11 a.m. Flowers to 132/138 Freston Rd., W10 6TH.

CHANCELLOR.—On December 25th, 1977, in hospital after an illness, Ernest Clive, aged 84, formerly of Canford School, father of Richard and Elizabeth. The funeral took place quietly at Bournemouth on January 3rd. Letters to 25 Five Mile Drive, Oxford.

CORKERY.—On January 4th, 1978, accidently, in Brisbane, Michael, aged 16 months, son of Martin and Joananne, and grandson of Major and Mrs. Corkery, of Woodbury, Salterton. No letters, please.

CREW.—On Dec. 17th, 1977, Geoffrey V. S., devoted husband of the late Maisie Mears, dear son of Ada Seddon De Crew, devoted father, brother and uncle. Funeral took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

DREW.—On Jan. 2nd in London, Arabella Beatrice "Angela", widow of Donald Drew, A.F.C., and mother of the late David Drew. Funeral at Holy Trinity, Brompton, on Thurs. 12th Jan. at 3 p.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers, by request.

EWBANK.—On December 31st, 1977, peacefully at Southbourne, Violet Lucy Waller, aged 98, widow of Brigadier General W. Ewbank, C.B., C.I.E., R.E. Funeral 1.45 p.m., January 10th, at St John's Church, Boscombe. No flowers.

FIDLIN, GLADYS MARY.—On 2nd January, died peacefully, at home.

FRENCH.—On Jan. 3, 1978, Marguerite (Rita), beloved wife of Jack French, of 67 Chartwell Court, Churchill Square, Brighton. Service at The Downs Crematorium, Bear Rd., Brighton, on Tues., Jan. 10th, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please, may be sent to Hanningtons, 4 & 6 Montefiore Rd., Hove.

GUTIERREZ-PONCE.—On January 1st, 1978, peacefully, at 2 avenue Pierre 1er de Serbie, Paris, in her 94th year, Teresa Gutierrez-Ponce, daughter of the late Ignacio Gutierrez-Ponce, former Colombian Minister to the Court of Saint James and of the late Madame Gutierrez-Ponce (nee German de Ribon) and sister of the late Maria Gutierrez-Ponce. R.I.P.

HENSON.—On January 3rd, 1978, in hospital, after a short illness, Joan, beloved wife of John and mother of Edward and Jane. Funeral private, no flowers please.

LAING.—On January 4th, 1978, Captain Michael Bryan Laing, C.B.E., R.N., Officer of the Legion of Honour. Funeral private.

LAURIE.—On January 3rd, 1978, peacefully at Mount Alvernia, Guildford, Coralie Blanche Morgan, in her 81st year, beloved wife of Brigadier John Raymond Laurie, dearest mother of Elizabeth-Ann and devoted grandmother of Andrew. Funeral service at St. Luke's Church, Grayshott, Hindhead, on Tuesday, January 10th, at 11 a.m., followed by private cremation.

LILLIE-COSTELLO.—On New Year's Day, Victor James Alexander (Jimmie), O.B.E., M.C., aged 70, dearly loved and devoted husband of Francette. Interment private. Requiem mass at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 21st, at St. John's Seminary, Wonersh, near Guildford. Flowers for the Church to Derryswood Cottage, Wonersh, on Friday, January 20th, but donations, if preferred, would be much appreciated and may be sent to The London Irish Rifles Benevolent Fund, Duke of York's H.Q., Chelsea, S.W.3.

LYMINGTON.—Lady Ruth, on 2nd January, 1978, after a long illness borne with courage and dignity, at Pheasant Cottage, Millbridge, Frensham, Surrey. Beloved mother and grandmother. Cremation at Park Crematorium, Guildford Road, Aldershot, 12.30 p.m., Friday, 6th January. Family flowers only, but donations to the Royal Society for the Blind accepted with gratitude.

MACNAGHTEN.—On January 1st, 1978, peacefully at Crowborough, Sussex, Ida Shackell Macnaghten, wife of the late Norman Macnaghten. Funeral service at High Hurstwood Church on Tuesday, 10th January, at 11.15 a.m., followed by committal at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Inquiries and flowers, please, to Paul Bysouth, Funeral Director. Tel. Crowborough 5000.

DEATHS

MOSS.—On Jan. 3rd, very peacefully in a nursing home, Leonard Frederick, aged 80 years. Dearly loved husband of the late Gertrude (nee Hirst), previously of Rowden Hill, Chippenham and Arlington House, Bath. At his request, a simple service and cremation at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on Monday, Jan. 9th, at 2.20 p.m. Please, no flowers, but donations if so wished for League of Friends, Chippenham Hospitals, c/o Lloyds Bank, Chippenham. Further enquiries to P. J. Harris, Funeral Directors, 3 Cross St., Burnham-on-Sea. Tel. 782886.

PIPER.—On January 1st, 1978, very suddenly, Air Marshal Sir Tim Piper, very much loved husband of Betty, of Chirton Cottage, Devizes. Cremation private, followed by memorial service at Chirton at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11th. No flowers, but donations may be sent to RAF Benevolent Fund.

RIDLER.—On 3rd of January, 1978, peacefully at Seaford, W. F. A. (Allan) Ridler, aged 81 years, late of Hemswell, Lincolnshire, beloved father of Molly and John. Enquiries to Seaford Funeral Service. Tel. Seaford 893889.

SCOTT.—On 3rd January, 1978, *peacefully at home,* Miss Mary Elizabeth (Bessy) Scott, of Braeside, Loanhead, Midlothian. Eldest daughter of the late Robert Grigor Scott (co-founder of MacTaggart Scott and Co Ltd.) and Mary Borland Henderson, dear sister of Robert Lyon Scott, Frances Whitson and Katherine Proctor. Service at Mortonhall *Crematorium,* Edinburgh, on Saturday, 7th January, at 11.30 a.m.

SEABRIGHT, Brigadier E. E. G. L., C.B.E., M.C. (Bill), on January 3rd, beloved husband of Vere and father of Susan and William.

SINCLAIR.—On January 4th, in hospital after a short illness, Joseph Frederick, aged 75, dearly loved husband of May, father of Kenneth and grandfather of Keith. No letters or flowers, please.

SMITH.—On Friday, December 30th, 1977, peacefully at his home, Herbert, Hon. Companion of the Royal Aeronautical Society, beloved husband of Nora (Ann).

SYER.—On January 3rd, peacefully in hospital, Doris Mary Dean Syer M.B.E., widow of Major J. McQueen, M.C., and Colonel F. W. Syer, O.B.E., C.P.M. Funeral at St. Andrew's Church, Holt, Norfolk, at 10.45 a.m., on Monday, January 9th, followed by cremation. A memorial service will be held at North Creake later.

TETT, GEORGE SEYMOUR.—81 years, much loved husband of Ella, father of Jill, Susan, Elyot and Colin, and beloved grandfather, peacefully at home, on January 1st. Cremation took place privately by request.

TREVOR-ROPER.—On January 3rd, 1978, in hospital, Dr. Bertie W. E., aged 92 years, of 20 Bondgate Without, Alnwick, Northumberland. Husband of the late Kathleen Elizabeth. Funeral private.

UNWIN.—On January 1st, 1978, peacefully at 20 Avenue Court, The Avenue, Branksome Park, Poole, Dorset, Frank George, 95-year-old husband of the late Nellie, dear father of Joan, Bryan (deceased), and brother of Edith. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Branksome Park on Saturday, January 7th, at 12 noon, interment following in the churchyard. Flowers may be sent to H. Mew and Son, Funeral Directors, Parkstone.

WHITEHEAD, BRIG.-GEN. G. VICTOR, V.D., C.D., at his residence in Dorval, Que, Canada, on Saturday, December 31st, 1977, dearly beloved husband of the late Doris Jack, son of the late Col. E. A. Whitehead and late Ella May Sicotte, dear father of Edward A. V. Michael and A. Carolyn (Lloyd-Jones), dear grandfather of 11 resting at Wray Walton Wray Funeral Home, 1459 Tower St., Montreal, Que. Funeral service from Saint James the Apostle Church on Wednesday, January the 4th, at 11 a.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

EDWARDS.—The memorial service for Ralph Edwards, C.B.E., will be held at St. Nicholas Church, Chiswick Mall, W.4, on Thursday, January 26th, at 12 noon.

GOUGH.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Colonel Frederick Gough will be held at 11.30 a.m. on Friday, 27th January, 1978 at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London.

MILLS.—A memorial service will be held for the late Doctor J. D. Mills on Thursday, January 19th, at *Seaford Parish Church,* at 3 p.m.

NELSON.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of John Pemberton Nelson will be held at St. James' Church, Chipping Campden, on Friday, 6th January, at 2.30 p.m.

WILLIAMS.—A memorial service for the late Neil Williams will be held at midday on January 30th, at St. Clement Danes, London. The families wish to express their thanks for the many tributes received.

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EDGAR.—CHARLES EDWARD EDGAR, late of 9 George VI Road, Tidworth, Hampshire, was found dead there on 4th July, 1977 (estate about £5,200).

MITCHELL nee SPRING.—HELEN MARIAN MITCHELL otherwise HELEN MARION MITCHELL nee SPRING, widow, late of Runwell Hospital, Wickford, Essex, died there on 23rd February, 1977 (estate about £3,900).

TROTT.—THOMAS JEFFREY TROTT otherwise THOMAS TROTT, late of 23 Churchfield Road, London, W.3, died at Hammersmith, London, W.12, on 27th June, 1977 (estate about £6,250).

WHITE.—STANLEY WHITE, late of Broadgate Hospital, Walkington, Beverley, Yorkshire, died there on 8th May, 1976 (estate about £4,300).

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), 12 Buckingham Gate, Westminster, London, S.W.1, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

HAMILTON.—HAROLD GERARD HAMILTON, late of 70 Maybank Road, Birkenhead, Merseyside, died at Birkenhead on 21st February, 1977 (estate about £7,500).

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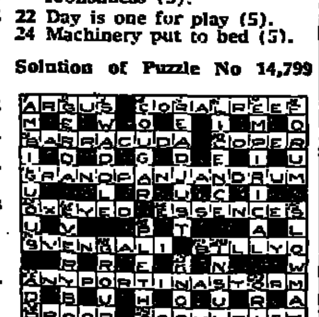
ACROSS

1 Supply of food for starving poet? (5).
4 Novelist includes principal sources (4-5).
9 Something to do namely with the case of the holiday-maker (9).
10 *Essential* to return money at four (5).
11 Funny fellow sometimes gives us the horrors (5).
12 Scottish beauty-spot seen by kind retired German poet (9).
13 A dog's treat includes a pound of sea-food (7).
15 Nazi politician in the NUR—a misfit (7).
18 Adds a girl to cut costs (7).
20 Turner gives list to King (7).
21 Delicacy found in a box, with a note to us (9).
23 Lines experts know (5).
25 Passage from Carey's song (5).
26 Complicated bundle returned, so to speak (9).
27 Conjectured PC used set for revision (9).
28 Very expensive dram, that's all! (5).

DOWN

1 Is associated with charge for headgear? (9).
2 Snaps into it! (5).
3 French artist writes of the cross-words? (9).
4 Cut holiday and let building (7).
5 A layer of fine straw (7).
6 Complaint—singular in Innisfree? (5).
7 Wit in topping story last translated (5, 4).
8 Drink on board attracting buyers? (5).
14 Is on a plan for rebuilding US port (9).
16 Extreme, say doctors and leader of 28 (9).
17 Uncompromising in difficult case of explosives (9).
19 *Part with key people in firm* (7).
20 Laurel in some measure for a French dramatist (7).
21 Gather it's an admission of foolishness (5).
22 Day is one for play (5).
24 Machinery put to bed (5).

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